

# Proclamation



## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2024 PROCLAMATION 2024-01

*Whereas,* Children are the embodiment of innocence and hope for the future. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment, free from harm and fear. Sadly, child abuse is a reality; a problem we must relentlessly combat through awareness and action.

*Whereas,* Every responsible person will agree that even one abused child is too many, and that protecting our children is one of our highest priorities. It is vital that we all do our part to ensure that our youth are safe and given the opportunity to have happy childhoods.

*Whereas,* There are no excuses for child abuse or neglect, but there are many consequences, some which may last a lifetime. Therefore, it is critical that children's advocacy groups, community organizations, government resources, and others come together to form a network of support that can reach out to those in need. When abuse or neglect does occur, individual citizens have a duty to report it to the appropriate authorities.

*Now, therefore, I, James Kelly, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH in Dallas, Georgia and encourage the citizens to show that they care by committing themselves to fighting child abuse and neglect.*

*This month, I ask all citizens of Dallas, Georgia to join with the Paulding Child Advocacy Center to fight child abuse. By raising awareness of this issue and standing up for the safety of our children, we can help prevent child abuse and allow our young ones to look forward to bright futures.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this First Day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the City of Dallas, Georgia.*

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Mayor L. James Kelly