

Proclamation

Child Abuse Prevention Month Week of the Young Child

WHEREAS, child abuse can cause long term psychological, emotional, and physical harm that has lasting consequences for survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, we value our vulnerable children as vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, as well as both the current and future quality of life of our community; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and the concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children are able to foster all children growing to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 The Week of the Young Child™ was established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association; and

WHEREAS, Safelight, Smart Start Partnership for Children, Children Family Resource Center, and other youth serving agencies of Henderson County are collaborating for public attention to focus on child abuse and ways to improve opportunities for our children and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

“Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child”

in the City of Hendersonville and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby supporting early childhood programs and preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of April 2022

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Attest:

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Angela Reece, City Clerk