



## **Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**Whereas,** children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

**Whereas,** all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing, and healthy homes and communities that foster their well-being;

**Whereas,** child abuse and neglect is a public responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a state;

**Whereas,** parents need support and resources to cope with stress and nurture their children to grow to their full potential;

**Whereas,** 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;

**Therefore,** I, Mayor Jack Edwards, do hereby proclaim **April** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in the efforts to support families and strengthen the communities in which we live, to fight against and prevent child abuse.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the **Great Seal of Pineville** to be affixed on this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

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**Mayor Jack Edwards, Pineville, NC**