

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2026 Proclamation**

**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 safe, stable, and nurturing homes and communities that foster their healthy growth and development;

**Whereas**, child abuse and neglect are community responsibilities, affecting both the current and future quality of life of our communities;

**Whereas**, communities that provide parents with social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and the resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children help ensure that all children grow to their full potential;

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

**Therefore**, we, the Town of Southern Shores, 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 our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

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Elizabeth Morey, Mayor-Town Council

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