



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, while children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, they are also the most vulnerable members of our society; and

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

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that affects both the current and future quality of life of a community; there were approximately 70,000 assessments of reported child abuse conducted in Fiscal Year 2017-18; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina calls upon all community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, businesses, and individuals to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.