



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children's healthy development and well-being is a priority for our state and children need safe, stable, and nurturing families, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting communities across our state and has long-term negative effects on children, families, and future generations; and

WHEREAS, children who live in families with access to economic, health, educational, and social supports are less likely to experience abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, nurturing positive, healthy childhoods and preventing child maltreatment requires action by all North Carolinians and is achieved through partnerships built among families, prevention advocates, child welfare professionals, schools, health care providers, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and local, state, and national governments; and

WHEREAS, in order to solve the public health issue of abuse and neglect we must work together to ensure all children and families are healthy and thriving and invest more in effective child abuse prevention initiatives and family-strengthening policies and supports;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2024, 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-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.