



# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, child well-being is not just a moral imperative but the foundation for building North Carolina's future success and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to grow up in environments that offer Positive Childhood Experiences that promote healthy mental, physical, and emotional development; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that have the resources they need to ensure all families can access supports when they need them, free of judgement or barriers, can reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect while promoting parental and family resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are preventable, and the responsibility to help every child meet their full potential lies within every community member, organization, and leader, recognizing that promoting positive experiences for all North Carolina families strengthens the future of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration among families, educators, early child care providers, health care providers, faith-based organizations, local businesses, social services agencies, law enforcement, and community groups is essential for creating the positive environments and experiences children need to lead healthy, purposeful lives with hope for the future, and

**WHEREAS**, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, we recognize the importance of strengthening families and creating nurturing environments where all children feel supported, cared for, and able to thrive;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



  
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**JOSH STEIN**  
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 seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.