

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH | 2024**

**WHEREAS,**

to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families; and

**WHEREAS,**

protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate the long, lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS,**

communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS,**

as citizens of Durham County we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase the awareness about child maltreatment and contribute to promote the social and economic well-being of children and families to live in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS,**

effective child abuse prevention activities work because of meaningful partnerships between individuals, child organizations, and government agencies that bring about community-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS,**

Durham County received 3,181 reports and accepted 1,518 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect during fiscal year July 2022 to June 2023; and

**WHEREAS,**

child abuse remains a serious problem in our community affecting our most vulnerable population of children; and

**WHEREAS,**

we must continue to make every effort to combat child abuse and neglect by promoting programs that enhance strong and thriving children; and

**WHEREAS,**

prevention and awareness remain the best defense for our community in fighting the battle of child abuse and neglect.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

in Durham County and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith-based groups, and medical facilities to join with the Department of Social Services to increase its participation in our efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Nida Allam, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

