

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child

PRESENTER: Susan Huter, Program Director
Safelight

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board has received a request from Safelight to proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention and Week of the Young Child Month in Henderson County. The attached proclamation sets aside April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child month in Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Proclamation as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation designating the month of April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention and Week of the Young Child month in Henderson County.

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** child abuse can cause long term psychological, emotional, and physical harm that has lasting consequences for survivors and their families,
- WHEREAS,** we value our vulnerable children as vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life,
- WHEREAS,** child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, as well as both the current and future quality of life of our community,
- WHEREAS,** all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities to foster their healthy growth and development,
- WHEREAS,** communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and the concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children can foster all children growing to their full potential,
- WHEREAS,** effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community,
- WHEREAS,** in 1971 The Week of the Young Child™ was established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners along with Safelight and other youth-serving agencies of Henderson County are collaborating for public attention to focus on child abuse and ways to improve opportunities for our children and their families. Therefore, we hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child 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 supporting early childhood programs and preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this 16th day of March 2022.

ATTEST:

WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD