Rutherford County
Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Whereas, children are vital to our county's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

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

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

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 ensure all children grow to their full potential;

Whereas, Rutherford County recognizes that 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, Rutherford County supports, fosters, and maintains collaborative relationships among Law Enforcement, Health, Behavioral Health, Faith communities, the Department of Social Services, the Family Resource Center, Rutherford County District Attorney, District 29A Circuit Court, Rutherford County School District and other civic and business organizations in order to prevent child abuse and neglect in Rutherford County;

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Therefore, I do hereby proclaim **April** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** 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 preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted this the 12th day of April, 2021.

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Bryan A. King, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners