



NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is observed each April to raise awareness of the importance of preventing child abuse and neglect and to affirm our community's shared responsibility to support children and families; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect remain serious public health and social concerns affecting children and families across our region and prevention and early intervention efforts, including education, family support, and community engagement, help strengthen protective factors for children and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, strong families, supportive relationships, and engaged communities contribute to positive outcomes for children and collaborative partnerships among families, schools, community organizations, faith groups, health care providers, law enforcement, and Departments of Social Services enhance our community's response to child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, a critical component of the child abuse prevention effort is the coordination and collaboration of the multidisciplinary team and its member agencies, inclusive of Foothills Child Advocacy Center, the Department of Social Services, Police Department, Commonwealth Attorney's office, Victim/Witness Program, Ready Kids, Region Ten Community Services Board, Sexual Assault Resource Agency and UVA Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes the importance of continued awareness, collaboration, and resources to support children and families impacted by abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, do hereby recognize April, 2026, as

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and urge all community members, organizations, businesses, and institutions to renew their commitment to protecting children, supporting families, increasing awareness of child abuse prevention resources, and participating in activities that promote child well-being.

Signed this 1st day of April 2026.

Ned L. Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors