

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Proclamation*

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH | 2019**

**WHEREAS,** children are vital to our state’s future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

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

**WHEREAS,** in Durham County 2750 children were referred for child abuse, neglect, and dependency in FY2018 and 1246 children were substantiated or needed services for abuse, neglect or dependency in Durham County alone; and

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

**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 to ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

**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

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April of 2019 as

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

in Durham County, 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.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

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Wendy Jacobs, Chair  
Durham Board of County Commissioners

