

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION 2026

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious issues affecting children and families across our nation, state, and community, crossing all racial, ethnic, and socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, more than 27,000 reports of child abuse and neglect are made each year, reflecting the ongoing need for awareness, prevention, and intervention; *and*

WHEREAS, Walker County has historically experienced some of the **highest rates of child abuse and neglect in the State of Alabama**, underscoring the urgent need for continued community awareness and prevention efforts; *and*

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up in safe and nurturing environments, and child abuse undermines a child's sense of security, dignity, and well-being; *and*

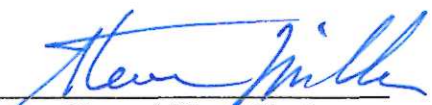
WHEREAS, preventing child abuse is a shared responsibility requiring the commitment of individuals, families, community organizations, communities of faith and government agencies working together to support and strengthen families; *and*

WHEREAS, The **Children's Advocacy Center of Walker County** supports children impacted by abuse through forensic interviews, advocacy, and trauma-informed services in a safe and supportive environment, playing a vital role in **restoring childhoods** and helping children move from trauma toward healing; *and*

WHEREAS, strong partnerships among schools, law enforcement, social services, faith communities, civic organizations, and local businesses are essential to preventing abuse and ensuring the well-being of our children;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Walker County Commission does hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Walker County, Alabama, calling upon all citizens to work together to support families, protect children, and help build a safer, stronger community for future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 6th day of April, 2026.


Steve Miller, Chairman