

Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation 2026

WHEREAS: Child maltreatment is a national tragedy, cutting across racial, ethnic, and socio-economic boundaries and endangering our most precious resource and greatest responsibility: our children; and

WHEREAS: Children have the right to feel safe in their own homes and to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive; child abuse violates a child's dignity, security, vulnerability, and humanity; and

WHEREAS: We can join as individuals, or organizations, and government agencies to prevent child abuse in our community by providing education, skills training, and support by raising awareness; and

WHEREAS: By strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Advocacy Center of Walker County in conjunction with concerned citizens throughout the community, designates the month of **April** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** to protect future generations by providing help and hope to our children and families;

THEREFORE, the Walker County Commission does hereby proclaim **April 2026** as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Walker County, Alabama, urging all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in supporting families, thereby preventing child maltreatment, abuse, and neglect and strengthening the community in which we live.

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



Steve Miller, Chairman