

# APRIL 2020 CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, Child Abuse and Neglect is a serious problem, affecting every segment of our community; and

Whereas, Our children are the most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only Barbour County but our Nation as a whole; and

Whereas, Child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

Whereas, Protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between organizations such as Centers Against Violence, the Family Resource Center, the Prosecuting Attorneys office, the Child Welfare System, the Board of Education, the Health Department, Faith-Based organizations, Businesses and the diligent Law Enforcement Agencies in the county; and

Whereas, Communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

Whereas, We all acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and

Whereas, Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I,



, BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION PRESIDENT,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020 AS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH IN BARBOUR COUNTY, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THIS MONTH BY DEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE TASK OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.