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Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child maltreatment is a community problem and finding a solution depends upon involvement among people throughout the community; *and*

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when parents find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and unable to cope; *and*

WHEREAS, approximately 117,268 children were subject of investigations of abuse, neglect and/or dependency in North Carolina in Fiscal Year 2020; *and*

WHEREAS, 27 children were victims of homicide by their parent or caretaker in North Carolina during the year 2020; *and*

WHEREAS, the majority of child maltreatment cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; *and*

WHEREAS, the effects of child maltreatment are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community; *and*

WHEREAS, effective child maltreatment prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW THEREFORE, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim **April 2022** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Rowan County and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen the communities in which we live.

This the 4th day of April, 2022.

Gregory C. Edds, Chairman
Rowan County Commission

ATTEST:

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