

**PROCLAMATION BY THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH 2026**

WHEREAS, children are among Union County’s most valuable and vulnerable citizens, and their safety, well-being, and healthy development are vital to the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can have long-lasting emotional, psychological, and physical effects on children and families, impacting the overall health and prosperity of our community; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse and neglect is a shared responsibility that requires the collective commitment of families, educators, faith communities, service organizations, law enforcement, healthcare providers, businesses, and concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide supportive relationships, access to resources, and prevention education help strengthen families and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Alliance for Children serves children and families impacted by abuse by providing coordinated services, advocacy, and community education, and will host activities throughout April 2026 to raise awareness and promote prevention efforts across Union County; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to protecting children, supporting families, and ensuring that every child in Union County has the opportunity to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Union County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaims April 2026 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Union County, North Carolina, and urges all residents to work together to strengthen families, support prevention initiatives, and help ensure the safety and well-being of every child.

Adopted on this 16th day of March 2026.

ATTEST:

Lynn G. West, Clerk to the
Union County Board of Commissioners

Brian W. Helms, Chair