



Agenda Abstract

Department: Health

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Meeting Date:	April 4, 2011
Subject:	Consideration of a request to proclaim April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Action Requested:	Motion to proclaim April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Chatham County.
Attachments: (List Individually)	Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Introduction & Background:	The Chatham County Commissioners passed a proclamation declaring April 2001, April 2003, April 2004, April 2005, April 2006, April 2007, April 2008, April 2009, and April 2010 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.
Discussion & Analysis:	Community partners from many agencies including Chatham County Public Health, Coalition for Family Peace, Family Violence and Rape Crisis Services, Child Care Networks, Chatham County Department of Social Services, and Chatham County Partnership for Children, worked together to plan activities to promote awareness of child abuse and neglect during the month of April. The coalition will hold a community gathering at the statue of the child at Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, recognizing the community's responsibility in child abuse prevention. The Chatham County Proclamation will be read at this public event on April 14, 2011. It is recognized that the majority of child abuse and neglect cases are due to a lack of parenting knowledge and/or lack of resources.
Budgetary Impact:	None.
Recommendation:	Motion to proclaim April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Chatham County.



CHATHAM COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

RESOLUTION

PROCLAMING APRIL 2011 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not know how to cope;

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


Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but are also proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;

Whereas, all citizens should become involved to provide safe, nurturing environments for children in all areas of their lives – at home, in school, and in the community - offering them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community;

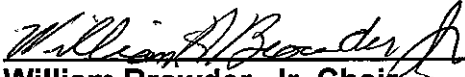
Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” in Chatham County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Adopted this 15th day of March, 2011



Holly Coleman, Health Director
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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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Chair

Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners