



Agenda Abstract

Department: Health

Authorizing Signature:

Submitting Official: Holly Coleman

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Meeting Date:	March 19, 2012
Subject:	Consideration of a request to proclaim April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Action Requested:	Motion to proclaim April 2012 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, April 2010, and April 2011 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 24, 2012. 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:	Pass resolution proclaiming April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2012 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

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

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim April 2012 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 communities in which we live.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2012.

Brian Bock
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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