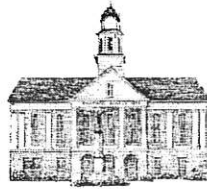


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RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2004 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, our children deserve the best we have within us and look to us to be their protectors, role models, heroes, and heroines; and

WHEREAS, children who are loved and nurtured grow up to love and nurture others. They give back to their own families, their neighborhoods, and the entire State the good that was bestowed on them. The cycle continues; and

WHEREAS, over 107,000 children are reported as abused and neglected each year, and at least 26 children died in 2002 due to abuse. The rest live on, but they often carry the burden of their abuse into adulthood; and


WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect know no social or economic boundaries. We dedicate our energies to preventing child physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and their terrible legacy; and


WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every citizen, and community action and involvement are essential to breaking the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we join together to reach out to parents and children to prevent the senseless abuse and neglect of all children.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby proclaim April 2004, as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in Chatham County and urge our citizens to support this observance.

Adopted this, the 5th day of April, 2004.


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