



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Action Requested: Vote on a request to proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Introduction & Background: The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has passed a proclamation in eighteen of the past nineteen years declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Discussion & Analysis: Staff from agencies including the Chatham County Public Health Department and Chatham County Department of Social Services as well as community partners work together to plan activities to promote awareness of child abuse and neglect during the month of April, aligning with national Child Abuse Prevention Month.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: This relates directly to the Comprehensive Plan goal to "Foster a Healthy Community." Research has shown the profound impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on a range of long-term health outcomes. Thus, reducing incidence of child abuse not only improves quality of life during childhood, but promotes health throughout the life course.

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation: Vote on a motion to adopt April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.