



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Action Requested: Vote on a request to proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

Discussion & Analysis: Staff and community partners from many agencies and organizations, including the Chatham County Public Health Department, Department of Social Services, and Child Victim Services Program, work together to promote awareness of child abuse and neglect during the month of April.

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 request to Proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.