

Proclamation

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby proclaim the month of April as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, every child in our great Commonwealth is a precious gift, full of promise and potential; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is recognized as a public health issue in Kentucky and across the nation. Contributing factors, such as issues associated with substance abuse, domestic violence and mental health concerns have exacerbated the problem; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse is crucial to the preservation of the health and well-being of Kentucky's families and can be accomplished by providing support and information to families as well as through increased community awareness; and

WHEREAS, all children learn from role models at home, at their place of worship, at school and in their communities and all children benefit from the love and leadership displayed by caring and responsible adults; and

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and we are committed to keeping children of this great Commonwealth safe and happy, this requires partners within each community be engaged in prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE I, _____, do hereby recognize April 2010 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** across the Commonwealth and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.