



City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



JOINT PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

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, to ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

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, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and Mark D. Jerrell, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

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.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.



Vi Alexander Lyles
Mayor



Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County
Commissioners