## **PROCLAMATION** City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

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 the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

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

WHEREAS, communities provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting, child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress in order to nurture their children whereby ensuring all children grow up to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, healthcare providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

## "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

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

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City of Charlotte

George Dunlap, Chair Mecklenburg Board of

County Commissioners