

## ***Child Abuse Prevention Month 2023 Proclamation***

***Whereas***, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized throughout the United States, as well as in the Commonwealth of Kentucky during the month of April, 2023; and

***Whereas***, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

***Whereas***, during periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable, and as a result, child abuse and neglect increases drastically; and


***Whereas***, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

***Whereas***, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders; and

***Whereas***, all citizens should become involved in strengthening families to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

***Whereas***, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

***Now, Therefore Be It Resolved***, that I, Dan Mosley, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Harlan County, Kentucky. I urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to strengthen families, thereby preventing child abuse and creating healthier communities.



Dan Mosley  
Harlan County Judge/Executive



Date

