

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- 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 2026; and
- WHEREAS, Prevention is possible. With strong policies and investments, families and children can thrive, fostering prevention, stability, and long-term well-being; and
- WHEREAS, The prevention of child abuse and neglect depends on each of us in the community lifting up the families and children we know to help strengthen families, nurture our children, and ensure their safety and help them achieve their maximum potential; and
- WHEREAS, Supporting families early reduces the need for a crisis response, improves lifelong outcomes, strengthens communities, and saves public dollars and costly downstream interventions across multiple systems; and
- WHEREAS, Families who receive the support they need before a crisis occurs are better equipped to provide safe, healthy, and nurturing environments, leading to children who are safer, healthier, and more hopeful about their futures; and
- WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of vital partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, the business community, mothers, fathers, grandparents, foster parents, and all caregivers; and
- WHEREAS, "Wear Blue Day" will be recognized in Kentucky on April 1st, when we wear blue to raise awareness for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Kentucky, and urge all citizens to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse and strengthen our communities.

Done in the City of Frankfort on the 18th day of March in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six and in the 234th year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature of Andy Beshear in black ink.

ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Michael G. Adams in black ink.

Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State



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MICHAEL G. ADAMS

SECRETARY OF STATE

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