



City of Winston-Salem

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community; and 3,117 cases of child abuse and neglect were investigated by child protective service agencies in Forsyth County in fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS: Our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of the world and Forsyth County; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse can have psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of the partnerships created between the community, child welfare, education, health care, faith-based organizations, businesses, and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge that we must make every effort to work together to increase awareness about child abuse and collectively advocate for the social, emotional, and physical needs of children and families to thrive in safe, stable, and nurturing environments in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. ALLEN JOINES, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of April, 2024.

J. ALLEN JOINES

Mayor