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PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH April 2026

WHEREAS, every child deserves the freedom to chart their own course and the opportunity to succeed – free from abuse and violence – and to grow up in a household filled with love, protection, and a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that freedom and opportunity, Fulton County remains committed to protecting our children and the breaking cycles of abuse that can profoundly shape the future of our youth; and

WHEREAS, in Fulton County, two (2) children were abused in 2025, which can leave physical and psychological scars on a child that extend well beyond childhood and lead to permanent disabilities, psychological distress, substance use, mental health issues, crime, domestic violence, and a continuation of child abuse within family lineages; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a serious public health issue that crosses all racial, economic, and social boundaries in our County, requiring a comprehensive community response to build a better future; and

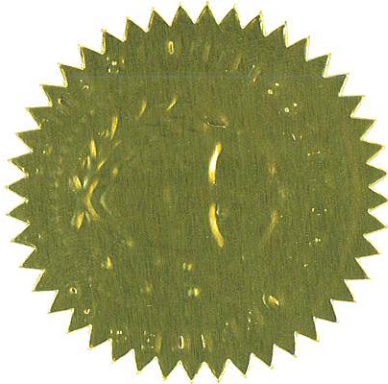
WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility, with numerous social services agencies, provider organizations, county agencies, medical professionals, educators, faith-based organizations, and community members taking active roles in ensuring children are protected; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to safeguard our children and prevent child abuse and neglect, which is why Fulton County is dedicated to fostering the developmental well-being of every child through trauma-informed and prevention-focused programs to create safe and healthy environments where every child can thrive and flourish.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners of Fulton County, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH and urge all citizens to

recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families. We commend the dedicated professionals, social workers, and advocates for their tireless efforts in ensuring that every Pennsylvanian child has a safe and healthy childhood.

Signed this 31st day of March, 2026.



FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Randy H. Bunch, Chairman

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Steven L. Wible, Vice-Chairman

Handwritten signature of Hervey P. Hann in black ink.

Hervey P. Hann, Member