

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## *Proclamation*

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2026**

**WHEREAS** the City of Charlottesville is committed to the safety, well-being, and future of all children, recognizing that they are our community's most valuable resource; and

**WHEREAS** child abuse and neglect remain serious concerns that affect children and families across our nation, and prevention requires the collective vigilance and responsibility of all members of the community; and

**WHEREAS** strong families are the foundation of a thriving community, and supporting parents and caregivers through education, resources, and community connections helps prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs; and

**WHEREAS** communities that prioritize prevention promote protective factors such as nurturing relationships, knowledge of parenting, and access to social supports, all of which help children grow up safe, healthy, and resilient; and

**WHEREAS** dedicated organizations, professionals, and volunteers in Charlottesville work year-round to provide advocacy, education, and services that strengthen families and protect children from harm; and

**WHEREAS** raising awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to ensuring that all children are valued, supported, and given the opportunity to reach their full potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Charlottesville City Council hereby proclaims April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Charlottesville and encourages all residents to work together to strengthen families, support children, and help prevent child abuse and neglect in our community.

Signed and sealed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk