



# Proclamation

By The County Executive

## *Recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month*

*Whereas, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is observed each April to raise public awareness of the need to ensure the safety and welfare of children; and*

*Whereas, the effects of child abuse and neglect are both devastating and costly, involving the mental health system, juvenile justice system, law enforcement agencies, civil and criminal courts, health care organizations, and educational institutions; and*

*Whereas, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and*

*Whereas, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and*

*Whereas, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Mercer County, and call upon all members of our community to support children and their families with friendship, information, support, and participation in efforts to prevent child abuse.*



**Brian M. Hughes**  
County Executive