

# *Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation*

## *2022*

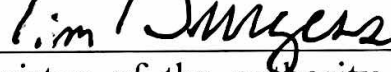
**WHEREAS:** Child maltreatment is a national tragedy, cutting across racial, ethnic, and socio-economic boundaries and endangering our most precious resource and greatest responsibility: our children; and

**WHEREAS:** Children have the right to feel safe in their own homes and to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive; child abuse violates a child's dignity, security, vulnerability, and humanity; and

**WHEREAS:** We can join as individuals, or organizations, and government agencies to prevent child abuse in our community by providing education, skills training, and support by raising awareness; and

**WHEREAS:** By strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met; and

**WHEREAS:** The Children's Advocacy Center of Cherokee County in conjunction with concerned citizens throughout the community, designates the month of **April** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** to protect future generations by providing help and hope to our children and families;

**THEREFORE, I,**  of **Cherokee County**, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim **April, 2022** as

### **CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

in **Cherokee County**, Alabama, and I urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in supporting families, thereby preventing child maltreatment, abuse, and neglect and strengthening the community in which we live.