



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, children are our future, and the strength and prosperity of Alabama depend upon their safety, wellbeing and opportunity to thrive; and*

*WHEREAS, all children deserve the comfort and stability of a safe, loving and nurturing home with a family who empowers them to achieve their full potential; and*

*WHEREAS, prevention is possible, and through strong policies, early intervention and intentional investments, Alabama's families and children can thrive, fostering stability, resilience and long-term wellbeing; and*

*WHEREAS, a child's early experiences have profound and lasting psychological, emotional and physical impacts throughout life; and*

*WHEREAS, protecting children from trauma requires vigilance and engagement from all community members, educators, childcare providers, medical professionals, law enforcement officials, faith leaders, business leaders, social workers, policymakers and families; and*

*WHEREAS, effective prevention efforts succeed through strong partnerships among public and private agencies, community and faith-based organizations, as well as dedicated professionals committed to strengthening families and supporting at-risk children; and*

*WHEREAS, primary prevention initiatives, including early childhood home visiting programs, policies that promote economic stability and mobility and community-based child abuse prevention efforts, reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect and help ensure children have the foundation for lifelong wellbeing. Child abuse and neglect are preventable:*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as*

# *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

*in the state of Alabama. I urge all Alabamians to recognize that child abuse and neglect are preventable and that a healthy and prosperous Alabama depends upon strong families and supportive communities. Together, we can continue to build a state invested in families where every Alabama child lives a safe and prosperous life.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor