

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983; and
- WHEREAS,** regardless of who they are or the circumstances of their birth, every child has the right to safe, secure, and supportive environments, free from abuse and neglect; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indiana Department of Child Services received more than 200,000 reports of abuse and neglect in 2023; and
- WHEREAS,** most child abuse cases result from situations that are preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive; and
- WHEREAS,** finding solutions and keeping our children safe requires input and action from everyone; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month can be an opportunity to help create strong communities to support families and keep children safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 6th
day of March the year of our
Lord 2024 and of the Independence
of the United States 248.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb