



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 2.

DATE OF MEETING: April 4, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Dr. Reta M. Shiver, Director, Department of Social Services

SHORT TITLE: Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners: Child Abuse Prevention Month April, 2011.

BACKGROUND: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. DSS will be holding a series of activities to heighten awareness of this problem.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: Review and approve the attached proclamation.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend approval.

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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the attached proclamation to approve April as Child Abuse Prevention Month is hereby approved. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS _____

YEA VOTES: Brown _____ Tate _____ Rivenbark _____ Ward _____ Williams _____

George R. Brown, Chairman 4/4/2011
Date

ATTEST 4/4/2011
Date



PROCLAMATION BY THE PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL, 2011**

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and do not know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but are also proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become involved to provide safe, nurturing environments for children in all areas of their lives – at home, in school, and in the community – offering them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PENDER COUNTY that the month of April, 2011 is officially designated as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Pender County; and BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

This 4th day of April, 2011.

George R. Brown, Jr., Chairman

Rick Benton, County Manager