

Athens - Clarke County

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, over 10,000 children are abused and/or neglected in Georgia each year; and

WHEREAS, in Athens-Clarke County over 300 children had a substantiated case of abuse and or neglect last year; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility and preventing mistreatment of children depends on involvement from all people; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to create and promote programs that benefit all children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of their role in child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kelly Girtz, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia do hereby proclaim the month of April as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Athens-Clarke County, Georgia and encourage all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in our community to reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Athens-Clarke County to be affixed this 1st day of April, 2021.



Mayor Kelly Girtz
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County

Proclamation

