



# Proclamation

*By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in\_\_\_\_\_.*

*Whereas, every child in our great Commonwealth is a precious gift, full of promise and potential; and*

*Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem in Virginia and across the nation; and*

*Whereas, the prevention of child abuse is crucial to the preservation of the health and well-being of families in Virginia and can be accomplished by providing support and information to families as well as through increased community awareness; and*

*Whereas, all children learn from role models at home, at their place of worship, at school and in their communities and all children benefit from the love and leadership displayed by caring and responsible adults; and*

*Whereas, children are our most precious resource and we are committed to keeping the children who live in this great Commonwealth safe and happy;*

*Now therefore I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby recognize April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in \_\_\_\_\_ and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.*