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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, child maltreatment is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community.

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when parents find themselves in stressful situations without community resources and unable to cope;

Whereas, 152,945 children were reported as abused and neglected in North Carolina and 1,693 children reported in Alamance County from July 2015 to June 2016;

Whereas, 32 children were victims of child abuse homicide in North Carolina in 2015;

Whereas, child abuse costs the country over \$124 billion each year;

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

Whereas, the effects of child maltreatment are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

Whereas, child maltreatment not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems, such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behaviors, such as smoking;

Whereas, all citizens should be involved in supporting families raising their children in safe, nurturing environments;

Whereas, effective child maltreatment prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Therefore, We, The Town of Green Level, do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the state of North Carolina and Alamance County and call upon all citizens,