

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, child abuse causes unspeakable pain and suffering to our most vulnerable citizens; and
- WHEREAS, an estimated 674,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect in 2017, the most recent year there is for national data; and
- WHEREAS, abusive head trauma known as “shaken baby syndrome” is recognized as the leading cause of death of physically abused children; and
- WHEREAS, most child abuse cases result from situations that are preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive; 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 2019 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 15th
day of March the year of our
Lord 2019 and of the Independence
of the United States 242.*

BY THE GOVERNOR:

