



COUNTY OF BARRY · STATE OF MICHIGAN

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there were 134 confirmed cases of child abuse in Barry County in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

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

WHEREAS, The Family Support Center of Barry County has been designated by Michigan's Children's Trust Fund to lead alongside local community based programs to assist in expediting efforts to prevent child abuse now and in future generations through joint inter-agency prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, The most precious and valuable asset of our county is our children, and we must dedicate ourselves, our energy and our resources to the nurturing and protection of these most vulnerable individuals – protecting children and strengthening Barry County families is a shared community responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Community action is needed to help families break the cycle of abuse with small or simple gestures – just by reaching out and showing you care about the children in your family and neighborhood demonstrates that we value our children;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT APRIL 2021 IS

Child Abuse Prevention Month

IN BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN.

BENJAMIN D. GEIGER
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BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021