STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, in 2024, more than 200,000 reports were made to the Indiana Department of Child Services; and

WHEREAS, children are our most valuable resource, as they are the future of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for children and families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, prevention will always be our best defense against child abuse; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to increase awareness about child abuse and to promote the well-being of all children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Braun, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim April 2025 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 Geal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 26th day of March the year of our Lord 2025 and of the Independence of the United States 248.

BY THE GOVERNOR: Mike Braun