



**Month of the Young Child and
Child Abuse Prevention Month
Proclamation No. 2019-05**

Whereas, in 1971 The Week of the Young Child™ was established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association.

Whereas, the youth serving agencies of Transylvania County come together to celebrate The Month of the Young Child during the month of April 2019 to focus public attention on needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Whereas, youth serving agencies of Transylvania County are collaborating to establish a county wide plan to prevent child abuse in our community.

Whereas, we work to improve opportunities for our children knowing they are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

Whereas, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

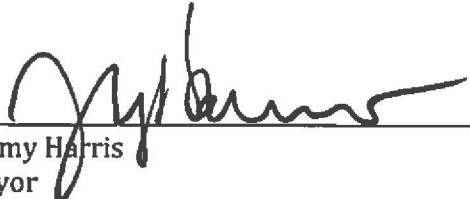
Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

Whereas, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;


Therefore, I do hereby proclaim April as The Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby supporting early childhood programs and preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Adopted and approved this the 18th day of March, 2019.



Jimmy Harris
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jill Murray
City Clerk