CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

NO. 2026-06
Month of the Young Child &
Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the youth-serving agencies of Transylvania County come together to celebrate The Month of the Young Child during the month of April 2026 to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children's positive, safe, and nurturing interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

WHEREAS, youth-serving agencies of Transylvania County are collaborating to raise awareness and prevent child abuse in our community; and

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

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

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; and

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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard, North Carolina, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and executed the Great Seal of the City of Brevard on this the 16th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon

Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

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Mayor