



Coordinating and advocating services for abused children in Jackson County.

February 20, 2019

Jackson County Manager
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Mr. Don Adams,

For the past several years, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has proclaimed April as the county's Child Abuse Prevention Month in recognition of the national event. Blue pinwheels are a national symbol of child abuse prevention. Jackson County's Children's Advocacy Center, AWAKE—*Adults Working and Advocating for Kids' Empowerment* will be working with volunteers to "plant" pinwheel gardens around the county to help increase awareness of this important cause during the month of April.

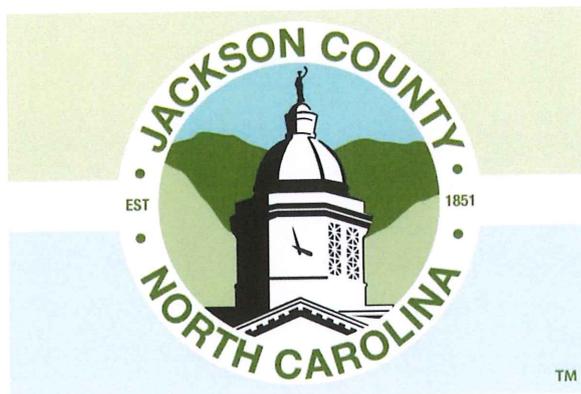
This year, the Center would like to expand the number of pinwheels ordinarily placed at the bottom of the Jackson County Historic Courthouse with a larger garden of pinwheels extending up both sides of the staircase to the statue. We are asking permission from the county to place approximately 500 pinwheels and a temporary banner of approximately 4 feet by 8 feet at the lower right-hand side of the staircase during the last week of March for the month of April. The sign will have a pinwheel graphic and say:

Every child deserves a happy childhood.
Jackson County Child Abuse Prevention Month

AWAKE will be responsible for the purchase, distribution, and removal of the pinwheels and sign. Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully,

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Proclamation
**Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2019**

WHEREAS, children are vital to Jackson County's future prosperity and quality of life;
and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing and healthy homes and communities that foster well-being; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a public responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, to prevent child abuse, parents need support and resources to help cope with stress and nurture their children to grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed through partnerships created among citizens, human services agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, children's advocacy centers, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County is committed to preventing child abuse and calls upon citizens from all walks of life to increase their participation in efforts to support families and thereby prevent child abuse and strengthen communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, hereby proclaims April as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in Jackson County, and commends its observance to all citizens.

Date: March 19, 2019.

Attest:

By:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman