



## *Proclamation*

### **Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2016**

**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 2016, as “**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**” in Jackson County, and commends its observance to all citizens.

Date: April 07, 2016.

Attest:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman