

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, in 2025, more than 210,000 reports were made to the Indiana Department of Child Services' Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline; 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 and strong community support will always be our best defense against child abuse.
- 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 the month of April, 2026 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 Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 27th  
day of March the year of our  
Lord 2026 and of the Independence  
of the United States 249.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Mike Braun*