

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2023

WHEREAS, South Carolina is blessed with more than 1.1 million children who deserve safe, stable and nurturing homes that foster healthy growth and development for our youngsters; and

WHEREAS, Horry County and Myrtle Beach are not immune to childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, all of which require prompt action by health and welfare professionals for the child's protection and safety; and

WHEREAS, During fiscal year 2021-22, Horry County's Child Protective Services investigated more than 11,100 founded cases of abuse or neglect involving more than 17,200 children; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Recovery Center alone received 400 cases in 2022, with 79 percent stemming from sexual abuse where the victim's average age was nine years; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention services succeed because of partnerships created among child welfare professionals and local education, health, law enforcement, non-profit and faith-based organizations, with support and involvement from families and care-givers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, That the City of Myrtle Beach hereby designates April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month for the welfare, safety and protection of all children and urges citizens to speak up and act to end child abuse.

Signed and sealed this 11th day of April 2023.



Brenda Bethune
BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

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