

# City of Simpsonville

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's future prosperity and quality of life depend on the healthy development of the 1.1 million children residing in the communities across our state, 523,542 in Greenville County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a serious public health issue with wide-ranging societal consequences, as data show the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of costly medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral issues into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect must be a priority that requires individuals, families, child-serving organizations, schools, faith-based groups, businesses, government agencies, and civic leaders to support the physical, emotional, social, and educational well-being of all children; and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers who have a support system of family and friends, know where to find resources, and understand how to remain resilient in challenging times are best equipped to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children; and

WHEREAS, statewide and community prevention programs serve as proven and effective ways to reduce child abuse and neglect no matter the geographic region, race or ethnicity, and economic status; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2020-2021, there were 8,944 founded Child Protection Services investigations with 15,980 children in South Carolina, and 866 children in Greenville County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Shewmaker do hereby proclaim April 2022 throughout the City of Simpsonville and encourage all South Carolinians to dedicate themselves to protecting the quality of life for every child.

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.**



  
**Paul Shewmaker**  
Mayor, City of Simpsonville