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.

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Paul Shewmaker
Mayor, City of Simpsonville