

NORTH CAROLINA

WAYNE COUNTY

POSITIVE PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, raising children and youth to become healthy, confident, capable individuals is the most important job parents and caregivers have; and positive parenting is a protective factor that strengthens family relationships, increases parents' confidence, and promotes children's healthy development; and

WHEREAS, the quality of parenting or caregiving is one of the most powerful predictors of children's future social, emotional, and physical health, and in Wayne County, families come in many forms and children are raised by parents, grandparents, foster parents, family members and other caregivers; and

WHEREAS, positive parenting prevents and heals the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) such as child abuse, neglect, and other traumatic events that can create dangerous levels of stress, impair lifelong health and well-being, and increase the risk for costly health and behavioral health problems throughout life; and

WHEREAS, all parents have inner strengths or resources that can serve as a foundation for building their resilience and for passing these strengths on to their children, yet many parents and caregivers begin the lifetime job of raising children feeling unprepared, and fear and social pressures prevent many from seeking parenting support and guidance; and

WHEREAS, in Wayne County, families can receive support from various free support programs such as:

- **Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)** an effective public health parenting intervention, benefiting parents with children of all ages and diverse backgrounds.
- **The Incredible Years** a parenting program for ages 3-5 dedicated to supporting and strengthening families through play, praise, rewards, limit setting, communication, handling misbehaviors, and learning preventative approaches.
- **Parents as Teachers** a program based on the beliefs that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers and that the early years lay the foundation for children's success in school and in life. PAT provides the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.
- **Wayne County Public Library** serves as a free resource for families by providing regular programming for children and their families as well as parenting books and resources.

WHEREAS, all community members, businesses, early care and education providers, schools, faith-based organizations, non-profit service providers, and government agencies play a vital role in supporting families to raise happy, healthy children; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Wayne County along with public, private and nonprofit partners throughout the county, will be increasing awareness of the importance of positive parenting and the availability of resources in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, George Wayne Aycock, Jr., Chairperson of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim April 2021 to be the 1st Annual Positive Parenting Awareness Month in Wayne County, NC and commend this observance to the people of this county.



George Wayne Aycock, Jr.
Chairman George Wayne Aycock, Jr.

Attest

Carol Bowden

Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board