families, schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community advocates working together Whereas, Prevention of child abuse is a shared responsibility, requiring the collective efforts of to ensure that every child grows up in a safe and supportive environment; and

Whereas, Caregivers should be empowered with the skills, information and resources they need to protect children; and

communities, and the safety and well-being of our children are fundamental to the strength of our Whereas, Child abuse prevention is a vital part of creating more just and compassionate Commonwealth; and

Whereas, In Massachusetts, we are committed to providing every child with a safe, healthy and loving environment, free from the threat of abuse, where they can thrive,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 2025, to be,

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of April, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

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Alt Commonwealth of Massachusetts Whereas, Children are our greatest gift and deserve our utmost protection and care; and A Proclamation