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### News Release

#### **April is Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

**March 19, 2013, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday adopted a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The proclamation was presented by Pam Caskey, regional director for Safe Alliance.

According to the proclamation, child abuse and sexual assault are a growing concern in Union County. In 2012, the Union County Department of Social Services accepted 1,293 reports of child abuse representing more than 2,851 children. During that same time period, Safe Alliance served more than 635 victims and family members.

By adopting the proclamation, the board is calling on all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families by preventing and reporting child abuse and sexual violence.

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