

# City of Collins, Mississippi

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## **PROCLAMATION CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF MISSISSIPPI 2024 STATEWIDE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves to grow in a safe, nurturing environment free from violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi eleven-member child advocacy centers in the State of Mississippi provide hope, healing, and justice for children experiencing felonious child maltreatment. In 2023, 8271 Mississippi children received services through a local child advocacy center; and

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment is a serious public health issue with lingering effects long after a traumatic incident; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect prevention and reduction strategies include strengthening and supporting Mississippi families, providing social, legal, and financial resources for both child victims and their families, and pursuing aggressive criminal justice activity; and

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Mayor Hope Magee Jones, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Collins in the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the (City of Collins) to be affixed this 19th day of March of the year of our Lord, 2024.

Signed: Hope Magee Jones, Mayor

Attest: Suzette Davis, City Clerk