

## **Proclamation**

### **“Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month”**

**April 2025**

**Whereas**, every child in Adams County deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment, free from harm; and child abuse and neglect have devastating effects on children, families, and communities, leading to long-term physical, emotional, and psychological harm; and,

**Whereas**, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, observed each April, provides an opportunity for individuals and organizations to come together to promote programs and policies that strengthen families and protect children; and,

**Whereas**, enhancing protective factors such as parental resilience, social connections, concrete support, and child development knowledge helps reduce abuse and neglect while promoting family stability and positive outcomes for children; and,

**Whereas**, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the prevention of child abuse and neglect has been a shared responsibility between parents, caregivers, educators, community-based organizations, professional staff of the Adams County Health Department, 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney’s Office, Adams County Sheriff’s Office, Adams County Human Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Ralston House Child Advocacy Center and various Adams County law enforcement agencies; and,

**Whereas**, the Board of County Commissioners encourages all residents to advocate for and support efforts to prevent child abuse by creating awareness, supporting community resources, and fostering safe and healthy environments for children.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims April 2025 as

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and calls upon all to raise awareness and to work together to protect the children of Adams County and ensure their right to a safe and healthy future.