

# PROCLAMATION

## *FOR CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH* **CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Diamondhead prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among our citizens and being a safe place for families to live, work and raise their families, and

**WHEREAS**, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from sexual, emotional, and physical abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, 159 volunteers advocated for 381 child victims of abuse and neglect in South Mississippi, and

**WHEREAS**, CASA of South Mississippi speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the Youth Court and Child Protection Services Systems through no fault of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, governmental, community, businesses, and faith-based organizations should come together with individual citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness for those children fallen victim to abuse and neglect,

**WE**, the Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as “Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month” and urge all citizens of City of Diamondhead, Mississippi to participate in raising awareness and helping to prevent future child abuse and neglect.

Proclaimed by the Mayor and City Council on this the \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2026.

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Mayor Anna Liese