



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child has the right to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment, free from harm and surrounded by care that fosters their healthy development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect impact individuals of all racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, often resulting in long-term consequences to physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a shared responsibility that requires the collective efforts of individuals, families, and organizations across Fort Collins, including local agencies, schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement, businesses, and faith communities; and

WHEREAS, local organizations dedicated to child advocacy, counseling, and prevention services play a critical role in ensuring that children and families receive the support they need to heal, grow, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, ChildSafe Colorado has been serving Fort Collins since 1986, working to break the cycle of childhood trauma through specialized treatment, education, and community outreach, and continues to play a vital role in supporting survivors and strengthening families; and

WHEREAS, throughout April, the citizens of Fort Collins will have the opportunity to participate in awareness campaigns, prevention efforts, and community events designed to support survivors and promote a future free from abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim April, 2025 as

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in Fort Collins and urge all residents to recognize the importance of preventing child abuse and neglect, supporting affected individuals, and working together to build a safer, healthier community for all children and families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 15th day of April, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

City Clerk