



PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH
April 2025

Whereas, in Federal Fiscal Year 2023 around 3.4 million reports were made to child protective services nationwide; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and

Whereas, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Nevada County; and

Whereas, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and

Whereas, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Grass Valley City Council does hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Grass Valley and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Dated this 11th day of March 2025.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli, Vice Mayor

Jan Arbuckle, Council Member

Joseph Bonomolo, Council Member

Thomas Ivy, Council Member