



PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH
April 2026

Whereas, in Federal Fiscal Year 2025, there were 1,383 calls to Child Welfare Services in Nevada County, resulting in 37 substantiated cases of abuse or neglect; 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, children are among our community's most valuable resources, and their safety, well-being, and success shape the future of Grass Valley; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can have lasting psychological, emotional, and physical impacts that affect individuals, families, and the broader community; and

Whereas, strengthening protective factors such as supportive relationships, community connection, and access to resources helps reduce risk and promote healthy child development; and

Whereas, prevention is most effective when supported by strong partnerships between local agencies, schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement, community-based organizations, and engaged residents; and

Whereas, organizations such as the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Western Nevada County, along with local partners and service providers, play a vital role in education, advocacy, and support for children and families; and

Whereas, prevention remains the most effective way to protect children and strengthen families.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Grass Valley City Council does hereby proclaim the month of April 2026, as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Grass Valley and encourages all residents to recognize this month by working together to support children, strengthen families, and build a safer, more connected community.

Dated this 14th day of April 2026.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli, Vice Mayor

Jan Arbuckle, Council Member

Joseph Bonomolo, Council Member

Thomas Ivy, Council Member