



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, Prevention is possible with the right policies and investments.

WHEREAS, the early experiences of a child impact them throughout life – both positively and negatively.

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences such as loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships play a vital role in helping children thrive by mitigating trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences.

WHEREAS, families who receive the support they need before a crisis occurs are better equipped to provide safe, healthy, and nurturing environments, leading to children who are safer, healthier, and more hopeful about their futures.

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects throughout an individual's lifetime and impact future generations.

WHEREAS, prevention of child abuse and neglect can reduce the economic burden associated with child maltreatment.

WHEREAS, strengthening families through access to concrete economic, social, and community-based supports reduces the likelihood of abuse and neglect and ensures children have the foundation for lifelong well-being.

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement and families.

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families.

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Independence, IA do hereby proclaim April 2025 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Buchanan County 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.

Together, we can create a state where every child can grow up happy, healthy, and safe with hope for their future.

City of Independence Mayor Signature

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City of Independence Manager Signature

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