



Office of the Mayor City of Jackson, Missouri Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Child well-being is a shared responsibility; and
- WHEREAS:** Missouri supports the Strengthening Families Protective Factors that reduce child maltreatment through encouraging Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Concrete Supports for Parents, Social and Emotional Competence of Children, and Nurturing and Attachment; and
- WHEREAS:** A child's early experience of being nurtured and developing a bond with a consistent, caring adult affects all aspects of behavior and development and is associated later in life with better academic grades, healthier choices, better health, positive peer interactions, and an increased ability to cope with stress; and
- WHEREAS:** Missouri recognizes the responsibility of every adult to protect children from all forms of child abuse, including child sexual abuse, and recognizes the importance for all adults, youth-serving organizations, schools and communities to form protective barriers around children; and
- WHEREAS:** Effective child abuse prevention programs are essential and succeed because of community partnerships created among citizens, social service agencies, schools, businesses, health facilities, law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations, civic organizations and other child serving agencies; and
- WHEREAS:** Go Blue Day is Friday, April 4, 2025. Everyone is encouraged to wear blue to build awareness about the importance of **Strong Families, Safe Kids** and the prevention of child abuse and neglect; inspire change by focusing on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention; and promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in safe, stable, nurturing environments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dwain L. Hahs, Mayor of the City of Jackson, do hereby proclaim, in the City of Jackson, the month of April 2025:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Jackson, Missouri, this seventeenth day of March, 2025.



Mayor Dwain L. Hahs

