

## Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

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

Whereas, a majority of child abuse and neglect occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations that are preventable, but without community resources and support, they don't know how to cope; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a community problem that can be reduced by making sure each family has the support of prevention programs created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and business community; and

Whereas, together we can strengthen and support families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREORE: I, Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor of the City of Lansing, State of Kansas, do hereby proclaim Lansing's full support of recognizing April 2024 as

## "National Child Abuse Prevention Month"

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Lansing to be affixed this 21st day of March, in the Year of Two Thousand and Twenty-four.

City of Lansing	
Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor	
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