

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the City of Tenino recognizes our future rests in the hands of our most vulnerable and cherished assets- our children; and
- WHEREAS, all children deserve to live in safe, stable, and nurturing environments which promote their healthy growth and development; and
- WHEREAS, child abuse, neglect and other trauma are recognized as serious public health problems affecting both the current and future quality of life in our community; and
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our community to ensure parents, caregivers and other adults who influence the health and well-being of children have the support, knowledge and concrete resources necessary to ensure all children thrive to their greatest potential; and
- WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the business community; and
- WHEREAS, we, as City of Tenino residents, continue our commitment to protect all members of our community, and call upon all citizens to join together to increase public safety and prevent the further abuse and neglect of our children.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dave Watterson, Mayor of the City of Tenino, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

and urge all Tenino citizens, communities, state agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, medical providers, educators, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Tenino to be affixed at City Hall, this 24th day of March, in the year, two thousand and twenty-six.

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Dave Watterson, Mayor

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Linda Gotovac, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Elaine Klamn, Council Member

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Adam Carney, Council Member

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Tianne Curtiss, Council Member

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Jeff Eisel, Council Member