

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater recognizes our future rests in the hands of our most vulnerable and cherished assets - our children; 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; and

*WHEREAS*, child abuse, neglect and other adverse childhood experiences are recognized as serious public health problems affecting both the current and future quality of life in our community; and

*WHEREAS*, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships among youth-serving agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the business community; and

*WHEREAS*, all children deserve to live in safe, stable, and nurturing environments that promote healthy growth and development; 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.

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim


*April 2022*

*Child Abuse Prevention Month*

and I urge all Tumwater residents, communities, state agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, medical providers, educators, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, increase and support public safety and youth-serving agencies to help prevent the further abuse and neglect of our children and strengthen the community in which we live.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year, two thousand twenty-two.



  
Debbie Sullivan  
Mayor