

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater 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 that promote 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*, the City of Tumwater continues our commitment to protecting all members of our community, and call upon all people to join together to increase public safety and prevent the further abuse and neglect of our children.

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

*April 2023*

*Child Abuse Prevention Month*

and I urge all Tumwater residents, communities, state agencies, faith groups, 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, and recognized on this fourth day of April, two thousand twenty-three.



*Debbie Sullivan*

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*Mayor*