

# 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 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 community agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the business community; and

*WHEREAS*, we, as City of Tumwater residents, continue our commitment to protecting all members of our community, and call upon all residents 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 the month of

*April 2025*

*Child Abuse Prevention Month*

and 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, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 1st day of April in the year, two thousand twenty-five.



*Debbie Sullivan*  
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Mayor