

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF

JEFFERSON

PROCLAMATION



Child Abuse Prevention Month: April 2026

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment free from fear, harm, and abuse; and

WHEREAS, child abuse affects millions of children each year, leaving lasting physical, emotional, and psychological scars that can impact individuals, families, and entire communities for generations; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse requires the collective commitment of parents, caregivers, educators, healthcare professionals, community organizations, law enforcement, and all members of society to recognize the signs of abuse, promote positive parenting practices, and create supportive networks for families in need; and

WHEREAS, supporting families early reduces the need for a crisis response, improves lifelong outcomes, strengthens communities, and saves public dollars and costly downstream interventions across multiple systems; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an opportunity for communities across the nation to unite in support of prevention efforts, including the promotion of protective factors such as parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of child development, and nurturing relationships between children and caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, of the State of Colorado, that April 2026 be declared Child Abuse Prevention Month in this county.

Andy Kerr, Chair

Rachel Zenzinger, Commissioner

Lesley Dahlkemper, Commissioner



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