

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Nicole Adams, Assistant Director of Protection Programs

DESCRIPTION: Resolution Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

SUMMARY: The Board of County Commissioners proclaims April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Douglas County. The resolution emphasizes that all children deserve safe, nurturing homes and highlights the 4,372 reports made to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline in 2025. It underscores the importance of community awareness, strong partnerships, and accessible family supports in preventing abuse and neglect. The Board encourages all residents to work together to protect children and strengthen families.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Pass and adopt

REVIEW:

Ruby Richards	Approve	4/18/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	4/20/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	4/22/2026
Doug DeBord	Approve	4/23/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2026-Child Abuse Prevention Month

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

Resolution Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, all Douglas County children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment free from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect affect every segment of our community, and preventing maltreatment requires awareness, collaboration, and action from individuals and organizations across Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County Human Services received 4,372 reports to its Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline in 2025; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention efforts rely on strong partnerships among human services agencies, schools, mental health professionals, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, law enforcement, health care providers, the business community, and most importantly, parents, caregivers, and extended family members; and

WHEREAS, community members play a critical role in protecting children by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to 303-663-6270 or 1-844-CO4KIDS (264 5437); and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occur when families experience overwhelming stress, lack supportive resources, or face challenges without the tools needed to cope; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment can be reduced when families have access to the support, education, and community connections necessary to raise children in healthy, loving environments; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of child abuse prevention and encouraging community involvement can help parents and caregivers build safe, nurturing homes for all children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado, hereby proclaims April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Douglas County, and urges all residents to work together to support children, strengthen families, and help prevent child abuse and neglect now and in the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

BY:

George Teal, Chair

ATTEST:

KRISTIN RANDLETT, Clerk to the Board