



**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;

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 14th day of April 2026, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado

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