



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** April is recognized nationally as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness of child abuse and neglect and strengthening efforts to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign emphasizes that positive childhoods and safe communities begin with strong families and supportive communities, reminding us that each individual has a role to play in helping children thrive and preventing abuse before it occurs; and
- WHEREAS,** in Colorado, thousands of children are affected each year by abuse or neglect, with more than 9,700 confirmed victims in recent statewide data, highlighting the continued importance of prevention and family support services; and
- WHEREAS,** protecting children and supporting families requires collaboration among parents, educators, social service providers, law enforcement, local governments, and community organizations working together to ensure children are safe, supported, and valued; and
- WHEREAS,** community partners such as the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Adams & Broomfield Counties and Ralston House play a vital role in supporting children who have experienced abuse or neglect by training dedicated volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children in the court system and providing a friendly, safe place for child and teen survivors of abuse to get the services they need and begin the healing process; and
- WHEREAS,** communities across the nation observe Child Abuse Prevention Month by raising awareness, supporting family-strengthening initiatives, and displaying the blue pinwheel, the national symbol representing the healthy, joyful childhood every child deserves; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northglenn recognizes that investing in children today strengthens our entire community and helps build a future in which all children can grow, learn, and succeed.

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Northglenn, Colorado do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as:

### CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Northglenn, and encourage residents, community organizations, educators, and local leaders to work together to support families, strengthen protective networks, and help ensure that every child experiences a safe, healthy, and hopeful childhood.

Dated, at Northglenn, Colorado, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026.

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SHANNON LUKEMAN-HIROMASA  
Mayor Pro Tem

