

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 22

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2022 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, finding solutions for child abuse and neglect – a serious problem affecting every segment of our community – requires input and action from everyone because the well-being of our children today will shape the future of Colorado and our community; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, all parents and caregivers need support sometimes, and supporting all children and families early is far less costly to society and individuals than healing from trauma; and

WHEREAS, community leaders, policymakers and elected officials play a unique role in building a community for kids by understanding the programs and policies that support child maltreatment prevention, listening to parents' needs, and examining community planning through this lens to build healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, effective prevention efforts succeed because of partnerships created among human service agencies, Public Health, the District Attorney's Office, schools, faith and civic organizations, the medical community, law enforcement and first responder agencies, the business community, nonprofits and concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, everyone plays a role in preventing child abuse and neglect, helping to build thriving communities, so that families and children may also thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges residents that no matter where you live, everyone has the power to contribute towards a brighter tomorrow for all children.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 12th day of April, 2022.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk