



Mayor's Proclamation

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention

April 2024

WHEREAS, Children are our future. No child should suffer abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, victims of child abuse and neglect are known to be at higher risk for experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, low academic achievement, drug use, juvenile delinquency, teenage pregnancy, and adult criminality, every child is precious and deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe, nurturing environment free from harmful effects of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 800 children in Wyoming are victims of abuse and neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse intervention and community prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among community members, social services and law enforcement agencies, schools, churches, businesses and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, each April, Child Advocacy Centers of Wyoming, The Children's Trust Fund Board, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, Wyoming Citizen Review Panel, The Wyoming Department of Family Services, The Wyoming Office of Attorney General-Division of Victim Services, the Wyoming GAL program, the Town of Wheatland, Wyoming and other partners join together in an effort to prevent abuse and neglect through outreach, education and intervention.

NOW, THEREFORE, that I, Mayor Brandon Graves, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Wheatland, Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2024 as

******* CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH*******

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of April, 2024.

Mayor Brandon Graves