

# Proclamation

**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 development, 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 1077 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 organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Each April, Child Advocacy Centers of Wyoming, The Children's Trust Fund Board, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, Wyoming Citizens Review Panel, The Wyoming Department of Family Services, The Wyoming Office of Attorney General – Division of Victim Services, The Wyoming GAL program, the Wyoming Youth Services Association, the City of Douglas, Wyoming and other partners join together in an effort to prevent abuse and neglect through outreach, education, and intervention.


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, René Kemper, Mayor of the City of Douglas, Wyoming, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as:**

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

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Douglas to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
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René Kemper, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Chaz Schumacher, City Clerk

