

PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

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

WHEREAS, victims of child abuse and neglect are known to be 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 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 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 City of Laramie, Wyoming and other partners join together in an effort to prevent abuse and neglect through outreach, education, and intervention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Paul Weaver, acting as Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022, as

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and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of these Child Advocacy Groups in the State of Wyoming; and to thank those who volunteer and work hard to prevent child abuse in our communities.

Paul Weaver
Mayor and President of Laramie City Council

Attest:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk