

Proclamation



WHEREAS, every child deserves the security of a stable, loving, and nurturing home. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we recognize the importance of all Americans working together each day in defense of the most vulnerable among us — our children. We must make every effort to ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect, and have the opportunity to pursue their dreams in secure and healthy environments; and

WHEREAS, the relationships that children have with parents, family members, teachers, and other caregivers profoundly shape their lives. When they are subjected to abuse and neglect, they are exposed to toxic stress that can disrupt early brain development and increase the risk of depression, suicide, substance abuse, developmental disabilities, future violence, juvenile delinquency, and other unhealthy behaviors. These and other devastating effects of child abuse can last a lifetime, and can even affect future generations; and

WHEREAS, as a County, we must do everything within our power to stop child abuse and neglect before they occur. The best defense against these menaces is a strong family led by loving and caring parents. Our community has a broad vision for strengthening families, which includes raising awareness, focusing on prevention, and working to help parents and children thrive. Family Resource Center offers the Colorado Community Response Program - an important step in helping move child welfare to a more prevention-based system. This program increases the support available to at-risk families through services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment and parenting skill-based programs, so that more children may remain safely in their homes and communities; and

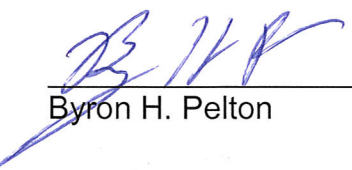
WHEREAS, we cannot lose sight of the importance of the entire community in preventing child abuse and neglect. It is critically important for our children to have parents who care for their physical, intellectual, and emotional needs. But we also must acknowledge the friends, neighbors, educators, and faith leaders who help in promoting the well-being of children. We are especially grateful for foster and adoptive parents who graciously open their homes and lives to children in need of love and support. And we extend our deepest respect and gratitude to the professionals, volunteers, and organizations who work tirelessly to protect at-risk children and to care for those who have tragically experienced the traumas of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, we pray for all those who have suffered from the terrors of child abuse and neglect and who continue to suffer from its devastating psychological and physical impacts. We honor the courageous survivors of abuse and neglect and hold in our hearts those cruelly taken from us. We strengthen our resolve to eradicate abuse and neglect from our homes and community, and we pledge our unwavering commitment to preserving the innocence and safety of our children. Let us all strive each day to build a brighter future for them and for our county; and

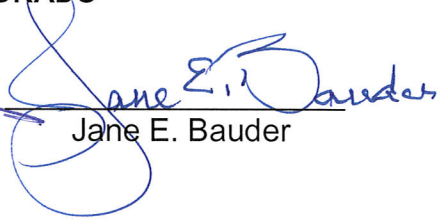
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Joe McBride, Byron Pelton and Jane Bauder-the Logan County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Logan County. We call upon all Logan County citizens to invest in the lives of our children, to be aware of their safety and well-being, and to support efforts that promote their psychological, physical, and emotional development.

Done this the 6th day of April, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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