

# PROCLAMATION



## Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2021

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the community in which we live; and

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

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

**THEREFORE**, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners proclaim **April 2021** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses in the Kittitas County to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

THE KITTITAS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

ABSENT

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Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman

  
Cory Wright, Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board