RESOLUTION NO. R-025- 028

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

- **WHEREAS**, all Douglas County children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment free from abuse and neglect; and
- WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and
- **WHEREAS**, Douglas County Human Services received 4577 reports to its Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline in 2024;
- *WHEREAS*, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among human services, schools, mental health agencies, non-profit and faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers and the business community; along with parents and grandparents; and
- **WHEREAS**, families and the public can report suspicion of child abuse and neglect by calling 303-663-6270 or 1-844-CO4KIDS (264-5437); and
- **WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful, situations, without family or community resources, and not knowing how to cope; and
- **WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support and knowledge they need to raise their children in a healthy and loving environment;
- **WHEREAS**, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents so that they can raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;
- **BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, Colorado, hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Douglas County, and urge all citizens to work together to address and significantly reduce child abuse and neglect now and in the future.
- **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of April, 2025, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

BY:

ABE LAYDON

Signed by:

ATTEST:

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HAYLEY HALL, Clerk to the Board