

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0587 A Proclamation Honoring Child Abuse Prevention Month in Denver

WHEREAS, every one of the more than 130,000 children in the City of Denver deserve to be valued, healthy, and thriving. Children are our future employees, leaders and neighbors and will shape the future of Denver; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences — like loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships — can help mitigate trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences to promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of Denver children; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every community in Denver and throughout the U.S., and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, prevention is possible because of the partnerships created between families, prevention advocates, child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and local, state, and national governments; and

WHEREAS, we are dedicated to advancing equitable, responsive, and effective systems that ensure all children and families in Denver are healthy and thriving; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the necessity to prioritize children and invest in prevention initiatives such as home visiting, family-strengthening policies, economic supports, and community-based child abuse prevention programs at the national, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, strengthening families remains the best approach to promoting brighter childhoods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby proclaims April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Denver and urges all residents to recognize this month by building a narrative of hope for children and families through collaboration and the promotion of an ecosystem of primary prevention.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the city and county of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Denver Human Services.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 29, 2024

PRESIDENT

