



WHEREAS, children have the right to grow up in healthy, safe, and stable homes where they can learn, develop, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, children represent Colorado's future and all Colorado children should grow up in nurturing homes and safe communities that are free of violence; and

WHEREAS, the five protective factors - parent resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete supports in times of need, and social and emotional competence of children- have been proven to strengthen families, promote child development, and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Colorado remains dedicated to protecting children through family-centered policies and initiatives that keep families together and ensure children's safety; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is steadfast in ensuring all Colorado children are enabled to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Colorado prioritizes supporting all Colorado children as they become the next generation of leaders who contribute to the future of our communities, state, and nation;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2026 as

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of April, 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis  
Governor