



*City of Ellensburg*

# PROCLAMATION

## National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 2025

**Whereas**, in Federal fiscal year 2022, nearly 3.1 million children received either an investigation response or alternative response; 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; and

**Whereas**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the community; 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**, I do hereby proclaim April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025.

A blue ink signature of the Mayor, consisting of a stylized, cursive name.

Mayor

Attest:

A blue ink signature of Betty Leader, written in a cursive style.

City Clerk