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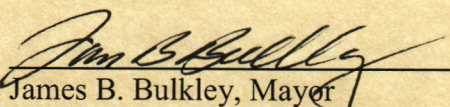
- Whereas,** Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem that affects every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and
- Whereas,** Child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that present lifelong consequences for victims 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,** Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families; and
- Whereas,** Effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and
- Whereas,** Our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the city of Columbus; and
- Whereas,** The Columbus community 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 support the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment.

Now, therefore, I, James B. Bulkley, Mayor of the City of Columbus, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2025, as:

“Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month”

in Columbus, Nebraska, and encourage all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.




James B. Bulkley, Mayor
City of Columbus, Nebraska