



*Proclamation*  
*Mayor Mitch Reynolds*  
*City of La Crosse*

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society affecting significant numbers of children in La Crosse; and

**WHEREAS**, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure, and free from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our responsibility as adults to protect every child's inalienable right to a safe, nurturing childhood; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is stronger when people become aware of child abuse and neglect prevention, and become involved in advocating, supporting, and sustaining a culture that encourages family and community life where children can develop and flourish in a safe environment free from all forms of abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, our community faces a continuing need to support community-based programs that prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and providing community support for families; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-three (23) organizations in our local community have as their purpose to prevent child abuse and neglect in this community; and

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse residents celebrate children, this community's greatest resource, and the community leaders of tomorrow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCH REYNOLDS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE**, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as:

**"CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH"**

in the City of La Crosse and commend this observance to the people of this community and ask for their vigilant efforts to love and protect our children.

Dated on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



**MAYOR MITCH REYNOLDS**