



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 2024 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 5th day of April Two Thousand Twenty-Four.




MAYOR MITCH REYNOLDS