



Fremont County Board of Commissioners



Proclamation

Fremont County Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

April 2025

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community. Children are key to Fremont County's future success, they are our future employees, leaders, neighbors and will shape the future of Colorado;

WHEREAS: All children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

WHEREAS: Positive childhood experiences build healthy families and strong communities and everyone benefits when we all ensure that children have positive experiences and that families have the resources they need, when they need them;

WHEREAS: Each of us plays a role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. We acknowledge that we must work together as a community to build awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. We encourage anyone concerned about the safety and well-being of any child to report it to the Fremont County Department of Human Services or to 1-844-CO-4-KIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Fremont County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in this Board, do hereby proclaim April 2025, Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and in so doing, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of preventing child abuse.

Signed this 25th day of March, 2025.

Kevin Grantham

District 1 Commissioner

Debbie Bell

District 2 Commissioner

Dwayne McFall

District 3 Commissioner



Around the month of April, you may see pinwheels planted in the community and wonder, why? It's because planting pinwheels represents the bright childhoods we all want for children.

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through Pinwheels for Prevention. Pinwheels symbolize the notions of playfulness, joy, and childhood. It serves as a reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children. The cyclical nature of the pinwheel depicts positive cycles of the love and support we want to help families create.

You may also notice that we are wearing Blue Ribbons. In 1989, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse had its early beginnings as a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her grandson who died as a result of abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to the antenna of her car as a way to remember him and to alert her community to the tragedy of child abuse. The Blue Ribbon Campaign has since expanded across the country, and many wear blue ribbons each April in memory of those who have died as a result of child abuse and to bring awareness to this important cause.

While the proclamation today focuses on April being Child abuse prevention month, as a Department, we see on a day to day basis how prevention is truly year-round and not just for one month out of the year...with that here is the proclamation for April 2025...

