



Proclamation

By City Council of Laramie

WHEREAS, Prevention is possible. With strong policies and investments, families and children can thrive, fostering prevention, stability and long-term well-being; and

WHEREAS, the early experiences of a child impact them throughout life – both positively and negatively; and

WHEREAS, supporting families early reduces the need for a crisis response, improves lifelong outcomes, strengthens communities, and saves public dollars and costly downstream interventions across multiple systems; and

WHEREAS, every family and child is filled with tremendous promise, and we all have a collective responsibility to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), foster the potential of every child, and promote Positive Childhood Experiences; and

WHEREAS, Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)—such as loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships—play a vital role in helping children thrive by mitigating trauma and the negative impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs); and

WHEREAS, families who receive the support they need before a crisis occurs are better equipped to provide safe, healthy, and nurturing environments, leading to children who are safer, healthier, and more hopeful about their futures; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects throughout an individual's lifetime and impact future generations; and

WHEREAS, primary prevention of child abuse and neglect can reduce the lifetime economic burden associated with child maltreatment; 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, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about what families need before they are in crisis and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, investments in primary prevention initiatives—such as early childhood home visiting programs like Healthy Families America, policies that promote economic stability and mobility, and community-based child abuse prevention efforts— reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect and ensure children have the foundation for lifelong well-being; and

WHEREAS, we can prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Sharon Cumbie, Mayor and President of the City of Laramie, Wyoming City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Laramie and urge all citizens to recognize that child abuse is preventable and that a healthy and prosperous society depends on strong families and communities. Together, we can create a state invested in families where every child deserves to live a purposeful and happy life with hope for their future.

Sharon Cumbie, Mayor and President City of
Laramie, City Council

Nancy Bartholomew, CMC,
City of Laramie, City Clerk