Proclamation Honoring National Child Abuse Prevention Month Salt Lake County Council

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in safe, stable, healthy, and nurturing homes, free from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious public health issues that impact thousands of children and families across the nation and here in Salt Lake County, causing long-term psychological, emotional, and physical harm; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility, and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County is committed to supporting strong families and investing in prevention programs and services that help parents and caregivers raise children in safe, stable, and supportive environments; and

WHEREAS, community partnerships between government, nonprofit organizations, law enforcement, schools, healthcare providers, faith communities, and dedicated citizens are essential in promoting the well-being of children and preventing child abuse before it occurs;

WHEREAS, during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we recognize the tireless efforts of child welfare workers, educators, advocates, and volunteers who work every day to protect children and support families in need; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every individual in our community to be vigilant and proactive in supporting children's safety, to report suspected abuse, and to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, Salt Lake County Council hereby declares the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourages all residents to participate in activities that promote awareness, prevention, and healing, and to recommit to creating communities where every child can thrive in safety and love.