



WESTMINSTER
COLORADO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 31, 2025 at 7:00 PM

- A. Proclamation Designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – 4.A.

City Council Meeting
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Strategic Priority 2: Community Empowerment and Engagement

Enhance the sense of community and connection in Westminster through engaging methods of communication and dialogue that improve accessibility, increase understanding, and encourage participation in civic and City life.



Strategic Priority 3: Community Health and Safety

Invest in innovative and collaborative approaches to provide a continuum of services that preserve, promote, and protect the health, safety, and environment of Westminster.

Subject: Proclamation Designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Prepared By: Abby Fitch, City Clerk

Recommended City Council Action:

Councillor DeMott to present a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Summary Statement:

- Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem world-wide that knows no geographical boundaries. Nationally, one in seven girls and one in 25 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Ninety percent of the children are victimized by people they know.
- CASA is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that trains and supervises community volunteers to represent the best interests of our most vulnerable citizens - child victims of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse and neglect. Volunteer CASA Advocates are appointed by judges to be a voice for these children in court. The desired result is that children are placed into safe, loving homes where they can thrive.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures

Source of Funds:

Not applicable

Policy Issue(s):

Should City Council declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month?

Alternative(s):

None Identified

Background Information:

Every April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is observed to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect, recommit efforts and resources aimed at protecting children and strengthening families, and promote community involvement through activities that support the cause.

CASA is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that trains and supervises community volunteers to represent the best interests of our most vulnerable citizens - child victims of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse and neglect. CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties currently serves approximately 500 of the 1,600 children in need in Adams and Broomfield counties.

This proclamation supports the City's Strategic Plan Priorities of Community Health and Safety and Community Power and Engagement by supporting important community issues with nonprofit groups and promoting safety of children.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Dorr".

Larry Dorr
Acting City Manager

Attachments:

Proclamation Declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from harm and fear; and

WHEREAS, all children do not receive appropriate care; in fact, too many children become victims at the hands of abusive perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, every responsible person would agree that even one abused child is too many, and it is up to us as a community to tirelessly work to end the abuse of children through awareness and action; and

WHEREAS, Westminster has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child abuse and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention and advocacy programs, such as CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties, succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, our community is stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy McNally, Mayor of the City of Westminster, Colorado, on behalf of the Westminster City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2025 to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and urge all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations and businesses to work collaboratively to increase their efforts to support families and prevent child abuse.

Signed this 31st day of March, 2025.

Nancy McNally, Mayor

