

ADAMS COUNTY PROCLAMATION
“CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH”
APRIL 2, 2025

WHEREAS all children deserve to have a safe, stable, nurturing home and communities that foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS child abuse has been identified as a national health crisis; and

WHEREAS there were 4,377 calls to Children and Youth Services related to alleged child abuse or neglect were reported in Adams County in 2024: and

WHEREAS child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, Children and Youth staff are dedicated, risking their own safety at times and are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, to protect these children, our greatest resource, as they are the future of our county and our community. There are children in our county that deal with unspeakable pain that plagues many victims of abuse and neglect, often at the hand of their own parents, caretakers, and those that they trust most in life; and

WHEREAS the Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center strives to build brighter tomorrows for Adams County children by raising awareness and gaining community commitment in the prevention of child abuse and to support child victims of abuse and their families as they heal from the trauma of abuse; and

WHEREAS Adams County Children and Youth Services and Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center are joined by their multidisciplinary investigative team members across Adams County to assist children and families; including representatives from law enforcement, the District Attorney’s office, the Victim Witness Program, medical and mental health providers; and

WHEREAS multidisciplinary investigative team members contribute their knowledge, experience, and expertise to provide a coordinated, comprehensive, compassionate, and professional response to the intervention and investigation of child abuse; thus, protecting children and reducing potential trauma to children and families; and

WHEREAS, Adams County Children and Youth Services, the Adams County Children’s Advocacy Center and our multidisciplinary investigative team partners are committed to giving every child a chance to succeed and to ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment that is free from abuse and neglect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Adams County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2025, as **“NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH”** in Adams County, Pennsylvania, and urge all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have herewith set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the County of Adams to be affixed this 2nd day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

Paula V. Neiman, Chief Clerk

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Randy L. Phiel, Chairman

James E. Martin, Vice-Chairman

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