

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, all children and youth have the right to a life free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, the reality is that children within our community remain victims of this violence. Partners with Families & Children serves to prevent, interrupt, and repair cycles of abuse and neglect within families, and serve as a safety net for abused and neglected children across the Inland Northwest to provide care including forensic evaluation, treatment services, and prevention work to encircle families with security and support so that families can thrive, and children can live healthy, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, members of Spokane County's Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team are the first responders to reports of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation and are committed to ensure all efforts are made to the safety, protection, and prevention of further abuse through trauma-informed investigations and collaborative support services for children, youth, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Our Kids: Our Business is committed to community actions to end child abuse through awareness, education, resources, and collaboration of partnership agencies in Spokane County, understanding that the prevention of harm can only be attained through coordinated efforts to support youth and their caretakers:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Spokane in recognition that we all have a responsibility to keep children safe from harm and assist them in achieving their full potential by supporting their optimal health and wellbeing, setting the stage for a healthy future, and I encourage all individuals in Spokane County to visit "Project Pinwheel, located at [SRHD.org](http://SRHD.org), to find activities that support building a community where positive childhood experiences are the norm.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2022.

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

