

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the children in the City of Spokane are its most valuable resources and will shape the future of Spokane. The future depends on the healthy development of the children currently living, growing, and learning within our community; and our community has the responsibility to protect children from sexual, physical, verbal, and emotional abuse and neglect and help them thrive; 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 thorough trauma-informed investigations and collaborative support services for children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the abuse and neglect of children can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse, and research also shows that positive social supports for children and adults are key factors to improving social well-being, reducing the risk of child abuse and developing resiliency and healing from trauma:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Spokane and encourage the community to ensure the success of child abuse prevention programs through local partnerships, so that every child can have a celebrated childhood by making sure each family has the support and education they need in raising their children in safe, nurturing environments.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
11th day of April 2023.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

