

CITY OF NAPA
PROCLAMATION

Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2026

WHEREAS, each year National Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized throughout the United States during the month of April; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, during periods of economic hardship, housing instability, and community disruption, parents experience elevated stress, and as a result, the risk of child abuse and neglect increases. Child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support, resources, and social connection they need to raise their children in a safe and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS, all community members should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local governmental agencies, schools, faith communities, civic and nonprofit organizations, law enforcement agencies, businesses, and other community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2026** as **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. We urge all residents, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to empower parents and nurture children to prevent child abuse, strengthen our community, and raise children who thrive.

Dated: April 21, 2026

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA