

PROCLAMATION

Resolution 26-15

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County is committed to both protecting our children and ensuring that each is provided a safe and healthy environment whereby they may develop healthfully and become adults able to obtain their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only contribute to adverse childhood experiences, but such may also have profound impacts on adulthood which may last a lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect may be 100% preventable, its cost is considerably less than that of treatment for those affected; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that provisions of early education and preventative services for parents of young children and families are effective, they also aid in stopping the generational cycles of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, educating adults how to use positive coping skills, seek options, and be flexible enables them to be stronger, more resilient individuals throughout their lives and create more stable environments and brighter futures for children; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility, and on behalf of Yellowstone County's children, we join with Family Tree Nurturing Center, leading the efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect through partner organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the blue and silver pinwheels displayed during April and throughout the year symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as child abuse prevention month

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners, Yellowstone County, Montana this 31st day of March, 2026.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Mark Morse, Chair

Michael J. Waters, Member

Chris White, Member

ATTEST:

Jeff Martin, Clerk and Recorder