



CITY OF OLYMPIA



Proclamation



WHEREAS, the future of the residents of the City of Olympia rests in the hands of one of our most vulnerable and cherished assets, our children; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to live in safe, stable, and nurturing environments which promote their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse, neglect and other trauma are recognized as serious public health problems affecting both the current and future quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our community to ensure parents, caregivers and other adults who influence the health and well-being of children have the support, knowledge and concrete resources necessary to ensure all children thrive to their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia continues our commitment to protecting all members of our community, and call upon all community members to join together to increase public safety and prevent the further abuse and neglect of our children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim April 2026 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

and calls upon all community members, state agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Dontae Payne
Mayor*

