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Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

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WHEREAS, children are vital to our community's future success, prosperity and quality of life, as well as being our most vulnerable assets, and;

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe stable nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development, and;

WHEREAS, systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, classism, ageism, etc., contribute to the higher rates of child abuse and sexual harassment, assault, and abuse;

WHEREAS, child abuse statistics estimate that **about 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys** experience child sexual abuse before age 18 in the U.S.

WHEREAS, freedom from child abuse and sexual assault is a basic human right, and

WHEREAS, communities that provide individuals with the social support and knowledge of the prevalence of child abuse and sexual assault, and concrete resources needed to cope with these horrific acts of violence, and;

WHEREAS, effective strategies of prevention and awareness for both, child abuse and sexual assault succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW THEREFORE, I Erik Phillips, Mayor of the City of Caldwell, do hereby proclaim April, 2026, as:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH and SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Caldwell and urge all citizens to become a part of community effort to make our community safe.

Mayor Phillips

Date

"The Treasure of the Valley"