

# PROCLAMATION

## April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

**WHEREAS**, children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of Kansas City; and

**WHEREAS**, early childhood experiences, both positive and negative, have a profound impact on human development; and

**WHEREAS**, research has identified long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of childhood trauma, like abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collective Action for Children exists to coordinate efforts among local organizations to strengthen families and protect children; and

**WHEREAS**, parent education, family advocacy programs, child and family screenings, and access to high-quality childcare are all critical support services that can help prevent child maltreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, every member of our community can play a role in preventing and mitigating childhood trauma by promoting programs and activities that create resilient and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together to create a community that promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we as a community will fight to not only ensure the safety of our children, but to support those who are working on the frontlines to support our children as well; and

**NOW**, therefore, as mayor of the city of Kansas City, Missouri, I, Quinton D. Lucas, on behalf of the residents of this great city, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourage all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating themselves to improving the quality of life for all children and families, as well as the front-line workers who advocate for and support them.

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Quinton D. Lucas

Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri