



## VILLAGE OF BOYS TOWN

### *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Flanagan founded the Village of Boys Town in 1917 as a safe haven for boys, many of whom were suffering from abuse and or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the State of Nebraska and our entire country; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by Honorable Vice Mayor, Mikecale Jones, of the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, that April is

## **"CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH"**

In the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, we urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Duly adopted this 1st day of April 2025.

  
Mikecale Jones, Vice Mayor  
Village of Boys Town