



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect are major social problems that are pervasive yet preventable, with over 34,000 cases of maltreatment reported in Minnesota in 2020; and
- WHEREAS: Abuse impacts children in various ways that can include experiencing a range of emotional, psychological, and physical trauma resulting from abuse or neglect; and
- WHEREAS: Children's advocacy centers are devoted to combatting this concern through intervention and prevention services that bring together professionals as a multidisciplinary team to create a coordinated approach to child abuse cases; and
- WHEREAS: Nationally, over 900 Children's Advocacy Centers serve victims of child sexual abuse and physical abuse as well as their non-offending family members; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, children's advocacy centers serve over 2,600 children who receive services in the wake of abuse; and
- WHEREAS: Child Abuse Prevention Month promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families and acknowledges the importance of community collaboration throughout the state with respect to the prevention of child abuse and maltreatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022, as:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION  
MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed March 28, 2022  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State  
Steve Simon