



Proclamation

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, children are vital to Glenn County's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, and every child deserves to grow up in a safe, loving, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect remain significant concerns that have lasting detrimental effects on the well-being of children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Glenn County had 615 reports of child abuse and neglect, highlighting the ongoing need for education, prevention, and intervention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Child Abuse Prevention has designated "It Takes a Village" as the theme for Child Abuse Prevention Month 2025, recognizing that protecting children is a shared responsibility that requires the commitment of families, social services agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, businesses, and community members working together; and

WHEREAS, "It Takes a Village" emphasizes that every person has a role in protecting children, whether by supporting parents, mentoring youth, advocating for strong child welfare policies, or fostering environments where children feel safe and valued; and

WHEREAS, thriving children require connection, community, togetherness, support, and collective responsibility, and it is through these shared efforts that we can create safe and nurturing environments for all children; and

WHEREAS, research has identified key protective factors that reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect, including parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and social-emotional competence of children; and

WHEREAS, strengthening these protective factors through community involvement and support services helps families build strong foundations that promote safety, stability, and well-being for children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs rely on collaboration to strengthen families, build resilience, and provide essential resources that help parents and caregivers navigate challenges before they escalate into crises; and

WHEREAS, wearing blue on April 4, 2025, for "Go Blue Day" served as a visible commitment to standing against child abuse and showing support for the well-being of all children in Glenn County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Evan Hutson, Mayor of the City of Willows and on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Willows, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and encourage all residents to embrace the spirit of "It Takes a Village" by working together to protect children, strengthen families, and build a safer, healthier community for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 8th day of April 2025.

Evan Hutson, Mayor

