



**PROCLAMATION OF THE GROVER BEACH CITY COUNCIL
"APRIL IS MONTH OF THE CHILD"
AND
"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, the Grover Beach City Council recognizes that every moment in a child's life is an opportunity for that child to learn, that the quality of these experiences may determine whether a child succeeds in school and in life, and that all children need caring and loving adults in their lives; and

WHEREAS, April - Month of the Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month - marks a time to recognize that our community's children are precious assets, that the quality of their early years is our collective responsibility, and that we commit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child has access to a high quality early environment - at home, at child care, at school and in the community - that will promote their optimal growth and development; and

WHEREAS, in solidarity of the We Are The Care Initiative, we as a community of partners and leaders, envision a San Luis Obispo County where all families can find and afford quality care for their children, and where child care professionals are valued for their critical role in building a solid foundation for children and families to thrive in the world; and

WHEREAS, **Saturday, April 2, 2022**, will commemorate "**Day of the Child**" at the Annual Children's Day in the Plaza celebration from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, this year's celebration where children and families will have the opportunity to discover creativity, individuality, diversity and the arts while exploring community resources; and

WHEREAS, **Friday, April 22, 2022** our County will participate in the statewide raising of the Children's Memorial Flag to honor and raise awareness about the many children in our midst who suffer daily from abuse and neglect, and pledge our support for strategies that strengthen families and protect our young ones; and

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, raising awareness and recognizing that each of us has a role to play in ensuring the safety of our children, as we pledge our support for strategies that strengthen families and protect our young ones; by promoting our "Normalizing Parenting" campaign and introduce Children's Memorial Day on Friday April 22, 2022 at 10:00 am with our Child Abuse Prevention Council colleagues throughout California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grover Beach City Council is proclaiming April 2022 as the "Month of the Child," "Child Abuse Prevention Month".

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Grover Beach to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2022.

Jeff Lee, Mayor

Attest: _____
Wendi Sims, City Clerk