

**CITY OF COLVILLE
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, Child Abuse Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that child abuse is widespread and has strong implications for every community member of Colville; and

Whereas, We believe that the children of our community are to be valued as the future of our community and we should prioritize their safety; and

Whereas, Nearly 700,000 children are abused each year in the United States; and

Whereas, We must address the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience sexual assault before age 18 (Dube et al., 2005).; and

Whereas, According to the FBI over 421,000 children were reported missing in 2019; and

Whereas, the United States Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect suggests that domestic violence may be the single leading persecutor to child abuse and neglect fatalities; and

Whereas, Staff and volunteers of violence prevention programs at Rural Resources Victim Services encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and


Whereas, Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people. We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent child abuse and how to support survivors and their families; and

Whereas, Colville, strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what child abuse is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address child abuse in all of its forms.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Colville, join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and the State of Washington, I, Ralph K. Lane, Jr., Mayor of the City of Colville do hereby proclaim April as:


“Child Abuse Awareness Month”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Colville to be affixed this 26th day of February, 2020.



Ralph K. Lane, Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Holly Pannell, MMC, PFO
City Clerk/Human Resources Manager