



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 AS
"MONTH OF THE CHILD" AND "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Grande 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 experiences a high quality early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their optimal development; and

WHEREAS, a variety of other events honoring Month of the Child will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of individuals and organizations to improve the lives of children and youth in our County, and raise the awareness of the community, employers and elected officials of the need to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of programs supporting children; 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, a variety of virtual and safe outdoor activities hosted at www.sanluischildcare.org, honoring Month of the Child, will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of individuals and organizations improving and enriching the lives of children and youth in our County; and raise the awareness of the community, employers and elected officials of the need to improve the quality, availability, and accessibility of programs supporting children; and

WHEREAS, Friday, April 2, 2021, commemorates #WearBlue4Kids Day, raising awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month, and recognizing that each of us has a role to play in ensuring the safety of our children, and pledge our support for strategies that strengthen families and protect our young ones; and

WHEREAS, in this caring and connected County, we will, including and beyond the Month of the Child, continue to dedicate our efforts and our resources to investing in our community's future by investing in and supporting our community's children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim April 2021 as the "Month of the Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Month".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 23rd day of March 2021.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

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