

## BY THE PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAMATION NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2024

**WHEREAS**, Children are our most valuable resource, and they are also our most vulnerable. All of Pinal County's children deserve to be safe with an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow in an stable environment that fosters healthy development; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Pinal County's families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, and providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds, and building the foundations of communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Strong and nurturing communities - where all children grow up safe, people have jobs and provide for those they love, and families receive the care they deserve - strengthen families and promote child, family, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created within communities among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business sector; and

WHEREAS, By providing a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for our children, free of violence, abuse, and neglect, we can ensure that Pinal County's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this county, state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2024, as "**National Child Abuse Prevention Month.**" Proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

	Mike Goodman, Chairman, District 2
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