

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA A PROCLAMATION CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS: Children are critical to Walnut Grove's future success, prosperity, and quality of life. While children are our most valuable resources, they are also our most vulnerable. All children have a right to a safe and healthy environment that provides an opportunity for them to thrive, learn, and grow; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Walnut Grove's families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, and providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds, and consequently, building the foundation of community; and

WHEREAS: Effectively intervening in the lives of children threatened by abuse is a shared responsibility, and Walnut Grove's citizens must come together to ensure that our community is extending helping hands to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed by prioritizing partnerships with human service agencies, schools, faith communities, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, civic organizations, and the business community; and

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

THEREFORE: I, STEPHANIE MONCRIEF, Mayor of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the City of Walnut Grove.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Walnut Grove to be affixed this 3^{rd} day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor for the City of Walnut Grove