



# *Proclamation*

*Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey*

*City of La Crosse*

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Crosse is committed to promoting the health, safety, and well-being of all children and families in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment free from abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can have lasting harmful effects on a child's physical, emotional, and developmental health, impacting the strength and future of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention is possible when families are supported through strong community connections, access to resources, and collaborative efforts among service providers, educators, and local organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, community members play a vital role in protecting children by recognizing the signs of abuse, offering support to families, and promoting environments where children can thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, symbolized by the blue pinwheel representing the happy, healthy childhoods all children deserve.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mayor of the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and urge all residents to work together to strengthen families, support prevention efforts, and ensure that every child in our community has the opportunity to grow up safe, supported, and free from harm.

Dated on this 3rd day of April Two Thousand Twenty-Six.



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**MAYOR SHAUNDEL**