## COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCLAMATION Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

Whereas, Children are our future. No child should suffer abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, victims of child abuse and neglect are known to be at higher risk for experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, low academic achievement, drug use, juvenile delinquency, teenage pregnancy, and adult criminality, every child is precious and deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe, nurturing environment free from harmful effects of abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, an estimated 1000 children in Wyoming are victims of abuse and neglect each year; and

Whereas, effective child abuse intervention and community prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among community members, social services and law enforcement agencies, schools, churches, businesses, and civic organizations; and

Whereas, each April, Child Advocacy Centers of Wyoming, The Children's Trust Fund Board, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, Wyoming Citizen Review Panel, The Wyoming Department of Family Services, The Wyoming Office of Attorney General- Division of Victim Services, the Wyoming GAL program, the County of Weston, Wyoming and other partners join together in an effort to prevent abuse and neglect through outreach, education, and intervention.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Ed Wagoner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the County of Weston, Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as

\*\*\*\*\*\* CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the County of Weston to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April two thousand twenty-three.

Ed Wagoner

Chairman

Board of Weston County Commissioners

Attest Berly Wadlock