

**A PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY
DECLARING APRIL 2025 AS MONTH OF THE CHILD
AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California**

WHEREAS, the City of Morro Bay's City Council recognize that every moment in a child's life is an opportunity for that child to learn, that the quality of these experiences may determine a child's resilience, 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 who all deserve to experience the wonder and magic of childhood; that the quality of their early years is our collective responsibility, and that we commit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child has access to a high quality early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their optimal growth and development; and

WHEREAS, in solidarity with the San Luis Obispo County Early Care and Education Planning Council's Advocacy Committee, 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, Saturday, April 5, 2025, will commemorate "Day of the Child" at the Annual Children's Day in the Plaza celebration from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, this year's celebration where children and families will have the opportunity to discover creativity, individuality, and diversity while exploring local resources and building connections with a focus on acceptance in order to foster a strong sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Friday, April 25, 2025, our County will participate in the statewide raising of the Children's Memorial Flag to honor and raise awareness about the many children in our midst who suffer daily from abuse and neglect, and pledge our support for strategies that strengthen families and protect our young ones as part of the national recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morro Bay's City Council is proclaiming April 2025 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 Morro Bay to be affixed this 8th day of
April 2025

CARLA WIXOM, Mayor
City of Morro Bay, California