A Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Ivins City, State of Utah

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recommit to strengthening homes and giving every child a chance to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Ivins joins businesses, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and others across our Nation in observing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, children are vital to the current and future well-being of Ivins City, the State of Utah, this great Nation, and the World; and

WHEREAS, our children are also some of the most vulnerable members of our society, and their protection is of the greatest importance, therefore, addressing child abuse and neglect is an effort we all must undertake as a community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a complex issue and ongoing in every community, including in Ivins; and

WHEREAS, we publicly thank our community's parents, the Washington County Children's Justice Center, childcare providers, doctors, nurses, police officers, social workers, teachers, therapists, and countless other professionals who selflessly care, serve, and protect; and

WHEREAS, in Ivins and Washington County, the Washington County Children's Justice Center leads the collaborative efforts to protect each child, advance justice, promote healing, and educate our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the Washington County Children's Justice Center:

- Served 420 primary victims
- Conducted 283 forensic interviews
- Performed 142 medical exams
- Provided 1,214 hours of trauma-focused mental healthcare, and
- 114 primary victims were under 7 years old; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we recommit to ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, nurturing environment that is free from abuse and neglect. We, the Mayor and City of Council of Ivins City, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Ivins City, Utah and urge our citizens to join in preventing child abuse and providing ongoing support for survivors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

Given under my hand and Seal of Ivins City, State of Utah

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Mayor, Ivins City
April 6, 2023