A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2023 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN OAK CREEK, COLORADO

Whereas, the Routt County Department of Human Services and other local, state and national organizations are proclaiming April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

Whereas, we have a shared responsibility, as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of the Town of Oak Creek to help create healthy, safe and nurturing experiences for children; and

Whereas, safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect often occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without the knowledge of community resources, and they don't know how to cope; and

Whereas, a significant number of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure every family has the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

Whereas, it is recognized that no one person can do everything, but that everyone can do something, and together we can create change for the better; and

Whereas, wearing or displaying a BLUE RIBBON in April will serve as a positive reminder that together, we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Oak Creek Town Board, Oak Creek, Colorado, that the month of April 2023 is hereby declared CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, and we urge all citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families in our community to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe childhoods.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2023

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Nikki Knoebel, Mayor

Attest:

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David Torgler
Town Administrator/Clerk