



Proclamation

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and **WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the meaningful connections and partnerships created between child welfare, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates® – CASA volunteers – are assigned by the court to speak up for a child's best interest and help ensure a child's voice is heard; and

WHEREAS, CASA of Sonoma County, Child Protective Services, Child Advocacy Centers, foster parents, teachers, and others work to ensure that children in our community have a safe, happy future; and

WHEREAS, CASA is celebrating 30 years of service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to this cause.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Mayor Mark Stapp
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