

RAY COUNTY COMMISSION
Ray County, Missouri

PROCLAMATION
Child Abuse Awareness Month
April 2026

WHEREAS, children are among our most precious and vulnerable citizens, deserving of safe homes, nurturing relationships, and communities committed to their protection and well-being; and

WHEREAS, child abuse, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect continues to affect children and families across our nation and within our communities, leaving lasting impacts on their health, safety, and future; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse requires the awareness, compassion, and commitment of all members of our community working together to protect children and support families; and

WHEREAS, the message **“See Something, Say Something, Stand Up for Children”** reminds each of us that reporting concerns and advocating for children can make a life-changing difference; and

WHEREAS, the Ray County community is encouraged to participate in Child Abuse Awareness Month by particularly joining the courthouse in wearing blue on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, as a visible sign of unity and commitment to protecting children; and

WHEREAS, the Ray County Courthouse will be illuminated in blue throughout April to shine a light on child abuse awareness and symbolize hope, safety, and healing for children impacted by abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Ray County Commission hereby recognizes April 2026 as

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

in Ray County, Missouri, and urges all citizens, community members, schools, businesses, and organizations to support efforts that protect children, strengthen families, and create safe and caring environments for every child.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Ray County Commission encourages residents to wear blue, raise awareness, and stand together in the shared responsibility of safeguarding the children of Ray County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Ray County, Missouri, to be affixed this 29th day of April, 2026.



Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner



Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner

Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner