

**THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS**



**PROCLAMATION TO THE CITIZENS OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are serious issues affecting every segment of our community and require awareness, prevention, and action from all; and

**WHEREAS**, children are our most valuable resource and play a vital role in shaping the future of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have lasting psychological, emotional, and physical effects that impact individuals and families for years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, effective prevention depends on strong partnerships between child welfare professionals, educators, healthcare providers, law enforcement, community organizations, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Child Advocacy Centers provide a safe, child-friendly environment and a coordinated response through a multidisciplinary team to support children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center continues to serve the children of Saline County through advocacy, forensic interviews, medical services, therapy, and prevention programs; and

**WHEREAS**, our community must remain committed to promoting the well-being of children and families and ensuring a safe, stable, and nurturing environment for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Treat, Mayor of the City of Bryant, Arkansas**, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Bryant and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

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Mayor Chris Treat

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Date