

City of Gonzales



State of Louisiana Proclamation

WHEREAS: Child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in our community; and

WHEREAS: Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS: The City of Gonzales has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS: Our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS: Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS: All citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, do hereby declare the month of April 2025, to be

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on this 14th day of April 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy Riley", is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor-Administrator

