



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

# Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2025, AS CHILD WELFARE WORKER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, every day in Arapahoe County, children may be at risk of or have experienced abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, Arapahoe County recognizes our role and responsibility to achieve safety, stability and well-being through preventative measures and early intervention for those reported to the child protection system; and

**WHEREAS**, the essential and demanding responsibility of investigating child maltreatment, assessing safety, and coordinating services to ensure that children in Arapahoe County have healthy, nurturing homes free from abuse and neglect, falls to our dedicated child welfare professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of child welfare professionals requires them to enter situations in which their personal safety may be at risk in their pursuit of protecting children in our County, often acting in the capacity of first responders; and

**WHEREAS**, child welfare professionals work within emotionally challenging and traumatic situations with children who have been victimized by physical, sexual, or mental abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, to be successful, child welfare professionals must develop exceptional skills in working with families who are in crisis situations, including those who struggle with mental health challenges, substance abuse, domestic violence and other complex issues; and

**WHEREAS**, child welfare professionals must develop substantial knowledge and expertise regarding the rights of families, laws surrounding child welfare, and legal processes and regulations governing the system, as well as a wide breadth of cultural awareness in order to provide effective, empathetic and appropriate supportive services; and

**WHEREAS**, child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the endeavor to protect Arapahoe County's children, often working long hours while facing secondary trauma, tremendous demands, limited resources, and public scrutiny, all while experiencing dramatic impacts to their personal lives; and

**WHEREAS**, countless injuries and deaths of children have been prevented, and future maltreatment has been averted due to the dedicated efforts and vigilance of our child welfare professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, these professionals serve as advocates, protectors, and champions for our community's most vulnerable children and families, often working behind the scenes without the recognition or acknowledgment they so richly deserve.

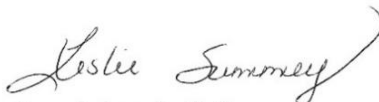
**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 9–13, 2025, as **Child Welfare Worker Appreciation Week**, and encourage all residents to join us in this special observance, and to recognize the vital role our Child Welfare Workers have in the protection, healing, and strengthening of children and their families in Arapahoe County.



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