



WHEREAS, Colorado recognizes that childhood sexual abuse is a significant public health issue, affecting 1 in 4 girls, 1 in 6 boys, and 1 in 5 people of all gender identities; and

WHEREAS, Colorado acknowledges that child survivors grow up to be adult survivors who continue to need access to specialized services and supports designed to promote healing and well-being; and

WHEREAS, childhood sexual abuse is a crime and survivors in Colorado are entitled to basic civil, human, and victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, Colorado acknowledges that many survivors never report their abuse in childhood and do not receive help at that time, resulting in long-term impacts associated with complex developmental trauma; and

WHEREAS, healing from childhood sexual abuse is possible, and access to trauma-informed services, supportive community, and restorative experiences is critical to the health, well-being, relationships, and quality of life of adult survivors; and

WHEREAS, Colorado acknowledges that accountability for appropriately supporting survivors must be a shared goal by families, organizations, workplaces and communities everywhere, and that our state is healthier and stronger when we work collaboratively toward meeting this goal; and

WHEREAS, Colorado celebrates the many dedicated individuals and organizations working to expand access to healing and affirms that we all have a role to play as Champions of Healing by creating communities where adult survivors are believed, supported, and empowered to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Colorado proudly stands with adult survivors and their loved ones as they pursue healing, justice, resilience, and lives they love;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2026, as

CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVOR AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of Colorado,
this first day of September, 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor