

Proclamation of the El Paso County Board of Health
Recognizing Kidpower of Colorado

Effective Date: April 24, 2024

WHEREAS, April marks National Child Abuse Prevention Month with the 2024 theme of “Building A Hopeful Future, Together,” focusing on creating a nurturing and supportive environment for children and families across the nation; and

WHEREAS, a top priority of the El Paso County Board of Health is to promote opportunities for a safe, strong and healthy community; and

WHEREAS, programs that benefit children and families in turn benefit society; and

WHEREAS, Kidpower of Colorado (“Kidpower”) is an evidence-based program that teaches young people simple, effective skills for being emotionally and physically safe, both with themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Kidpower is to teach young people ages three to eighteen personal safety and confidence-building skills to reduce their risk of abduction, assault, and emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, and

WHEREAS, this experiential, strengths-based program is designed to reduce bullying, exploitation and abuse against children, including those with diverse physical, cognitive, developmental, intellectual and neurological abilities, and

WHEREAS Kidpower makes adaptations for how different people's bodies and minds work, focusing on what they can do, rather than what they cannot; and

WHEREAS, Kidpower has trained more than 67,000 individuals in our region; and

WHEREAS, Kidpower has never turned away a family in financial need by making available scholarships and eliminating financial barriers to allow services to be available to all; and

WHEREAS, Kidpower has partnered with El Paso County Public Health staff to bring safety trainings to the community and is a partner in addressing child and youth health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Kidpower marks its thirtieth anniversary of bringing services to El Paso County communities; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Board of Health wishes to thank Kidpower for its hard work and dedication to keep El Paso County children and youth healthy and safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Paso County Board of Health recognizes Kidpower of Colorado for its work in preventing child maltreatment and strengthening children and families.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS MEETING HELD APRIL 24, 2024, IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Signed by Board President Ted Collas and attested by Board Secretary Susan Wheelan.

