

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution )  
Recognizing April 2017 as Child Abuse ) RESOLUTION 17-04-20-1  
Prevention and Awareness Month )

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in 4 children will suffer significant abuse before the age of 18 and annually over 70,000 Oregonian children are reported to the Department of Human Services as having been abused or neglected with over 10,400 child abuse victims confirmed in 2016 alone; and

WHEREAS, the physical, emotional, and financial impact of abuse and neglect falls most heavily on children of all ages and abilities, who come from economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and these crimes affect many more family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, child victims who feel understood and supported are most likely to disclose their victimization, seek services to find healing, and participate in the justice process; and

WHEREAS, providing victims and their families with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS, a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate those who provide help and support to child victims of violence, sexual abuse and neglect and many other life altering crimes and their commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and to address their needs in support of healing; and

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, April 2017 provides an opportunity to recommit our community to ensuring that all victims of child abuse are afforded their rights; and

WHEREAS, Yamhill County is dedicated to strengthening child victims and their non-offending families in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors, and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Board, on behalf of the citizens of Yamhill County, hereby recognizes the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

DONE this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner, Chair

STAN PRIMOZICH

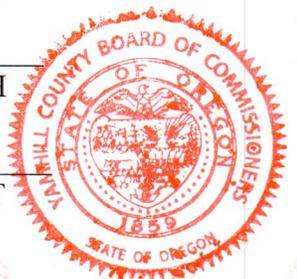
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MARY STARRETT

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Commissioner

RICHARD L. "RICK" OLSON



Accepted by Yamhill County Board of Commissioners on

4-20-17 by Board Order

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