

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 2020 as Child Abuse ) RESOLUTION 20-03-26-2  
Prevention and Awareness Month )

*WHEREAS*, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation’s most serious public health problem with scientific studies documenting the link between abuse and neglect and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders in children; and

*WHEREAS*, it is estimated that 1 in 4 children will suffer significant abuse before the age of 18 and annually over 84,000 Oregonian children are reported to the Department of Human Services as having been abused and neglected with over 12,500 child abuse victims confirmed in 2018 (latest data); 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*, a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors; 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*, Yamhill County is dedicated to strengthening child abuse survivors 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 to prevent abuse and neglect, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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