

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 2022 as Child Abuse)
Prevention and Awareness Month)

RESOLUTION 22-03-31-1

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

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 in 4 children will suffer significant abuse before the age of 18 and annually over tens of thousands of Oregonian children, 78,632 in 2020, are reported to the Department of Human Services as having been abused and neglected with over 11,642 child abuse victims confirmed in 2020 alone, although many cases go unreported. This was especially true during the COVID-19 pandemic when many children were isolated and away from the eye of mandatory reporters; 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 community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention efforts succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic and community organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community while recognizing that feeling connected to community can be a protective factor against child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Yamhill County is dedicated to stopping child abuse and supporting survivors and their non-offending families while working to prevent abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, each of us has a role to play in stopping child abuse and being part of a solution, by learning how to prevent, recognize, and report child abuse and supporting prevention, education, and empowerment programs for children and youth.

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

DONE this 31st day of March, 2022.



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