

RESOLUTION No. 2021/22-17
City of Dayton, Oregon

A Resolution Declaring April 2022 National Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse is one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse 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 or neglected with 11,642 child abuse victims confirmed in 2020 alone, although many cases go unreported – and 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, mental and financial impact of abuse falls on children of all ages and abilities, who come from all 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, the City of Dayton is dedicated to stopping child abuse and supporting survivors and their non-offending families while working to prevent it;

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

The City of Dayton, therefore, resolves as follows:

- 1) **THAT** April 2022 is proclaimed National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and
- 2) **THAT** we reaffirm Dayton, Oregon's commitment to creating a safer, healthier, more thriving community for our children and taking steps to help prevent child abuse through awareness efforts, prevention promotion and trainings on responding responsibly; and
- 3) **THAT** we encourage all citizens to Wear Blue every Friday in April – 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 – as a public statement in Dayton in support of child abuse prevention; and
- 4) **THAT** we call upon all citizens to invest in the lives of children by learning what they can do to help stop child abuse through Juliette's House, a community resource, by visiting www.julietteshouse.org.

4) **THAT** this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 4th day of April 2022.

In Favor: Frank, Holbrook, Mackin, Maguire, Marquez, Sandoval-Perez, Wytoski

Opposed: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None


Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor

4/7/22
Date Signed

ATTEST:


Patty Ringnalda, City Recorder

4/4/22
Date of Enactment