

RESOLUTION No. 20/21-11
City of Dayton, Oregon

A Resolution Declaring April 2021 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 80,000 Oregonian children -- 89,451 in 2019 -- are reported to the Department of Human Services as having been abused or neglected with 13,674 child abuse victims confirmed in 2019 alone, although many cases go unreported; 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;

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 2021 is proclaimed National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and
- 2) **THAT** we reaffirm Oregon's commitment to creating a safer, healthier, and more thriving community for our children and taking steps to help prevent child abuse through awareness efforts, prevention promotion, and training; and
- 3) **THAT** we encourage all citizens to Wear Blue on April 21, 2021 as a public statement in Dayton in support of child abuse prevention; and
- 4) **THAT** further 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.
- 5) **THAT** this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 5th day of April 2021.


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

Opposed: None

Absent: Price

Abstained: None


Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor


Date Signed

ATTEST:


Patty Ringnald, City Recorder


Date of Enactment