

RESOLUTION No. 18/19-17
City of Dayton, Oregon

TITLE: *A Resolution Declaring April 2019 National Child Abuse Prevention Month*

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 behavior 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 are reported to the Department of Human Services as having been abused or neglected with over 10,000 child abuse victims confirmed in 2018 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 all 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 more 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, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dayton is dedicated to strengthening child abuse survivors and their non-offending families in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities, and working to prevent abuse and neglect;

The City of Dayton, therefore, resolves as follows:

- 1) **THAT** April 2019 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 call upon all citizens to invest in the lives of all our children, to be aware of their safety and well-being; and
- 4) **THAT** we celebrate those who provide prevention programs and support to child victims of violence, sexual abuse and neglect and many other life altering crimes; and their commitment to ensuring that all children are afforded their rights to be safe from harm as well as promote the psychological, physical, and emotional healing and ongoing development of these our most precious resource, our children; and
- 5) **THAT** we ask and encourage all citizens to Wear Blue on April 10, 2019 as a public statement in our county in support of child abuse prevention; and
- 6) **THAT** this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April 2019.

In Favor: Collins, Holbrook, Mackin, Sandoval-Perez, Price and Wytoski

Opposed: None


Absent: Marquez

Abstained: None


Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor

4/17/19
Date Signed

ATTEST:


Patty Ringnald, City Recorder

4/15/19
Date of Enactment