

**Resolution No. 2024/25-12**  
**City of Dayton**

**A Resolution Proclaiming the Month of April 2025 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 in FFY 2023, over 164,000 contacts were made to the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline - a total of 45,208 received reports were assigned for CPS assessment, and of all completed CPS assessments, 7,861 were founded for abuse, involving 11,191 victims; and

**Whereas** the physical, emotional, mental, and fiscal 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 communities; and

**Whereas** effective child abuse prevention efforts succeed because of partnerships created among state and local government agencies, schools, diverse community groups, civic 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** Dayton is dedicated to stopping child abuse, supporting survivors and their non-offending families, and working to prevent it through education, advocacy, and accessible family resources; and

**Whereas** each of us has a role to play in addressing the problem of child abuse by learning how to prevent, recognize, and report it, as well as supporting prevention, education, and empowerment programs for children and youth.

**Therefore, the City of Dayton resolves as follows:**

- 1) THAT** the City Council does hereby proclaim April 2025 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dayton, Oregon.
- 2) THAT** we reaffirm the City of Dayton, Oregon's commitment to creating a safer, healthier, and more thriving community for our children by taking proactive steps to help prevent child abuse. These include:
  - a. **Promoting Awareness:** Encouraging citizens to learn about the signs of child abuse and how to report suspected cases to the appropriate authorities.
  - b. **Investing in Prevention:** Supporting programs and initiatives that provide family resources, parenting education, and early intervention services to at-risk families.

- c. **Community Involvement:** Participating in local events and promoting "Wear Blue Fridays" each week in April to show solidarity in preventing child abuse.
- d. **Strengthening Partnerships:** Collaborating with schools, local businesses, healthcare providers, and community organizations to create a united front against child abuse.
- e. **Empowering Action:** Providing free resources and training for citizens on recognizing and addressing child abuse through Juliette's House and similar organizations. Community members can learn more at [www.julietteshouse.org](http://www.julietteshouse.org).

**3) THAT** together, let us protect every child in our community and ensure their well-being by fostering a culture of safety, compassion, and accountability.

**Adopted** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

In Favor: Hildebrandt, Mackin, Maguire, Pederson, Teichroew

Opposed:

Absent: Frank, Wildhaber


Abstained:

  
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**Annette Frank, Mayor**

  
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**Date Signed**

**Attest:**

  
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**Rocio Vargas, City Recorder**

  
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**Date of Enactment**