

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, child abuse and neglect are epidemic; and

Whereas, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire communities; and

Whereas, effective child abuse intervention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the governments, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, and the business community; and

Whereas, all citizens should seize opportunities to become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and to become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in safe, nurturing environments; and

Whereas, children are key to the City of Oregon City's future success, prosperity, and quality of life; and

Whereas, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow; and

Whereas, we must come together as partners to shine the light on child abuse so that we are as a community extending helping hands to children and families in need; and

Whereas, by providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children, free of violence, abuse, and neglect, we can ensure Oregon City's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this city and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Dan Holladay, Mayor of Oregon City, do hereby proclaim

The Month of April 2015

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

And call upon all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of April 2015.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor