

# PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** child abuse and neglect is an ongoing tragedy; and
- Whereas,** the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and
- Whereas,** effective child abuse intervention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and
- Whereas,** all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and
- Whereas,** children are key to the City of Oregon City's future success, prosperity, and quality of life; and
- Whereas,** children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; 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 the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand 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, Doug Neeley, Mayor of Oregon City, hereby proclaim

The Month of April 2014

as

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 2nd day of April 2014.

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DOUG NEELEY, Mayor