

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution)
Recognizing April 2024 as Child Abuse) RESOLUTION 24-04-18-1
Prevention and Awareness 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 2022, 170,853 contacts were made to the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline – a total of 46,136 received reports were assigned for CPS assessment, of all completed CPS assessments, 7,455 were founded for abuse and involved 10,711 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 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, Yamhill County is dedicated to stopping child abuse and supporting survivors and their non-offending families while working to prevent it;

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;

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NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Yamhill County, hereby recognizes the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and we reaffirm Yamhill County's commitment to creating a safer, healthier, more thriving community for our children and taking steps to help prevent child abuse through awareness efforts, prevention promotion, and training on responding responsibly. We encourage all Yamhill County citizens to Wear Blue each Friday in April – as a public statement in support of child abuse prevention! We encourage community members to join in awareness and support throughout Yamhill County. 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.

DONE this 18th day of April, 2024.

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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