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BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF YAMHILL, OREGON

A Proclamation Showing the City of Yamhill, Oregon's
Support of Child Abuse Prevention Month - April 2023

Proclamation

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 2021 over 160,000 contacts were made to the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline – a total of 42,876 received reports were assigned for CPS assessment, of all completed CPS assessments, 7,352 were founded for abuse and involved 10,766 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, The City of Yamhill is dedicated to stopping child abuse and supporting survivors and their non-offending families while working to prevent it;

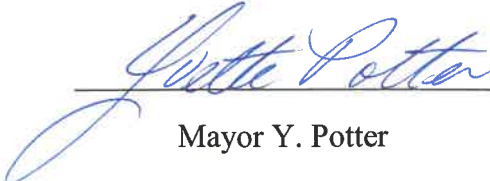
Whereas, each of us has a role to play in stopping the problem of child abuse as part of solution – by learning how to prevent, recognize and report child abuse and supporting prevention, education and empowerment programs for children and youth;

Now, therefore, we, the City of Yamhill, do hereby proclaim April 2023 to be:

Child Abuse Prevention Month

We reaffirm Yamhill, Oregon'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 trainings on responding responsibly. We encourage all citizens to Wear Blue on April 21, 2023, as a public statement in Yamhill in support of child abuse prevention! 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.

Dated this day: March 8, 2023



Mayor Y. Potter