

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Proclaiming the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement from people throughout the community;
- child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope;
- the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community.
- child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment;
- child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;
- all of us as citizens of Multnomah County have a role to play in supporting families to raise children in safe, nurturing environments;
- effective child abuse prevention efforts succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

**April 2011 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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