

**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:

- a. Preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of all individuals, neighbors, and communities of Oregon;
- b. There were over 1,300 victims of child abuse and neglect in Multnomah County in 2013;
- c. Child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without the support of an engaged community;
- d. 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;
- e. Child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also can increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, poor academic performance, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking;
- f. All of us as citizens of Multnomah County have a role to play in supporting families to raise children in safe, nurturing environments;
- g. Effective child abuse prevention efforts succeed because of partnerships agencies, schools, faith communities, philanthropic and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

SUBMITTED JOINTLY BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2 and Commissioner Judy Shiprack, District 3