

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-035

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

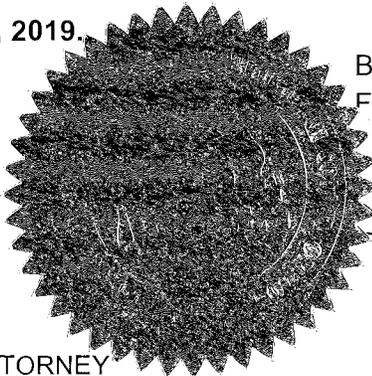
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Child abuse and neglect is a serious public health and safety problem that impacts all segments of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone.
- b. In 2017, according to the most recently published Oregon Department of Human Services data, there were 80,683 reports of child abuse and neglect in Oregon. In 2017, in our County, there were 16,652 reports of abuse and neglect.
- c. Child abuse and neglect has physical, psychological, emotional and social effects that have lasting consequences for survivors of abuse into adulthood. The long-term impact on our children and communities is heartbreaking.
- d. To reduce the frequency of child abuse and neglect, we must do all we can to prevent abuse, report abuse and intervene when abuse occurs to protect children and strengthen families.
- e. Communities must make every effort to support and promote programs and activities that make and keep children safe and create strong and thriving children and families.
- f. All of us in Multnomah County must work together to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, nurturing environment.
- g. Effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of coordinated partnerships between local government, child welfare, health, schools, law enforcement and community organizations.

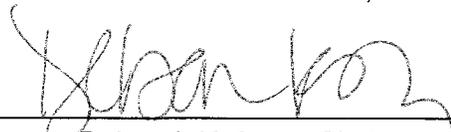
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. The Month of April, 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Multnomah County.
2. The Board of County Commissioners call upon our community to support the effort to prevent child abuse, protect children and strengthen families.

ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2019.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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