

**RESOLUTION No. 19/20-11**  
**City of Dayton, Oregon**

**TITLE:**        *A Resolution Declaring April 2020 National Child Abuse Prevention Month*

**WHEREAS**, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation’s most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavior disorders if left untreated; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 1 in 4 children will suffer significant abuse before the age of 18 and annually over 84,000 Oregonian children are reported to the Department of Human Services as having been abused or neglected with over 12,500 child abuse victims confirmed in 2018 (latest data); and

**WHEREAS**, the physical, emotional, and financial impact of abuse and neglect falls most heavily on children of all ages and abilities, who come from all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and these crimes affect an exponential number of family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers; and

**WHEREAS**, a trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, child victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services to find healing, continue in their treatment, and participate in the justice process; and

**WHEREAS**, providing victims and their families with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among Children’s Advocacy Centers, government agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement, the business community, and other stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dayton is dedicated to strengthening child abuse survivors and their non-offending families in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities, and working to prevent abuse and neglect all together to create a safer, healthier, and more thriving community;

**The City of Dayton, therefore, resolves as follows:**

- 1)        **THAT** April 2020 is proclaimed National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and
- 2)        **THAT** we reaffirm the City of Dayton’s commitment to prevent child abuse through awareness efforts, prevention promotion and training. We call upon all

citizens to invest in the lives of all our children, to be aware of their safety and well-being, and celebrate those who provide prevention education, intervention, and treatment to victims of child abuse and neglect, ensuring that all children are afforded their rights to be safe from harm, as well as promote the healing and ongoing development of these our most precious resource – our children!

3) **THAT** this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 3rd day of February 2020.

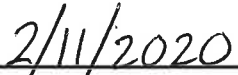
**In Favor:** Collins, Holbrook, Mackin, Marquez, Sandoval-Perez, Wytoski

**Opposed:** None


**Absent:** Price

**Abstained:** None

  
Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor

  
Date Signed

**ATTEST:**

  
Patty Ringnald, City Recorder

  
Date of Enactment