



**Staff Report**

For City Council Meeting 4/3/2019

**Subject - Resolution - Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

**Synopsis** - The City was contacted by Clatsop CASA last month to request that April 2019 be declared Child Abuse & Prevention Month, in connection with National Child Abuse & Prevention Month for April 2019. A form of proclamation was attached for consideration. In the past, the City has granted funds in support of Clatsop CASA and its advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected children who end up in the child welfare system and dependency courts.

**Recommendation:** The Council read and adopt the enclosed proclamation via signature to show The City's support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**Legal Analysis:** N/A

**Financial Analysis:** N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION 2019**

**WHEREAS**, every child is precious and deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe, nurturing environment free from the dangers and harmful effects of child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect impacts our entire society and can cause traumatic psychological, emotional and physical harm, resulting in long-term economic and societal costs; and

**WHEREAS**, child-focused prevention and intervention programs offer positive alternatives and outcomes for children and encourage families to develop strong, durable ties to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention succeeds through partnerships among parents, child-welfare agencies, mental and physical health care providers, schools, law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses and community members by fostering loving, supportive and violence-free homes; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens need to be more aware of the effects of child abuse, neglect, and prevention in order to encourage healthy parenting in healthy communities;

**NOW**, therefore, we, City Council Members, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019, as:

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in the City of Gearhart.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ City Administrator