



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 4/7/2021

Subject - Ordinances/Resolutions - Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Synopsis: The Mayor was contacted by Clatsop CASA in February to request that April 2021 be declared Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, in connection with National Child Abuse & Prevention Month for April 2021. 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: Staff recommends the Council resolve to proclaim April Child Abuse Prevention Month and show the City's support.

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Chad", written in a cursive style.

Chad



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL PROCLAMATION 2021

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, 2021, as:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Gearhart.

_____ Mayor

ATTEST:

_____ City Administrator

Fwd: Request for City Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

2 messages

Paulina Cockrum <councilposition3@cityofgearhart.com>

Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 3:57 PM

To: Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>, Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

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From: **Nakesha Womble** <nakesha@clatsopcasa.org>

Date: Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 15:44

Subject: Request for City Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

To: mayorcockrum@cityofgearhart.com <mayorcockrum@cityofgearhart.com>

Dear Mayor Cockrum,

I am writing to request that April 2021 be declared Child Abuse & Prevention Month, in connection with National Child Abuse & Prevention Month for April 2021. I have attached a form of proclamation which I urge you to consider adopting during the next few weeks. I appreciate our local governments' support for Clatsop CASA and its advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected children who end up in the child welfare system and dependency courts.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

*Nakesha Womble**Executive Director**Clatsop CASA Program, INC**818 Commercial Street, Suite 401**P.O. Box 514**Astoria, OR 97103**(503) 338-6063*

*If not YOU then WHO? Every youth is one caring adult away from being a success story.
Become a CASA volunteer today!*

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Paulina Cockrum | Mayor of Gearhart

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