



**Staff Report**

For City Council Meeting - 4/5/2023

***Subject - New Business - Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation***

**Synopsis:** The City was contacted by Clatsop CASA in March to request that April 2023 be declared Child Abuse Prevention Month, in connection with National Child Abuse & Prevention Month for April 2023. 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,

Chad



## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL PROCLAMATION 2023**

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

**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**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Clatsop County, Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; 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**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

**NOW**, therefore, we, City Council Members, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023, as: **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the City of Gearhart.

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Mayor Smith

ATTEST:

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City Administrator, Chad Sweet

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## Proclamation Consideration Request

1 message

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Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 11:44 AM

I am writing to request that April 2023 be declared Child Abuse Prevention Month, in connection with National Child Abuse & Prevention Month for April 2023. 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.

Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

Very best,

**Nakesha Womble**

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