



**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.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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City Administrator