



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.



Mayor Smith

ATTEST:



City Administrator, Chad Sweet