

PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, children are vital to our city future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, exposure to childhood trauma has a powerful adverse effect on life-long physical and mental health and is recognized nationally as a major public health issue; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children and ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

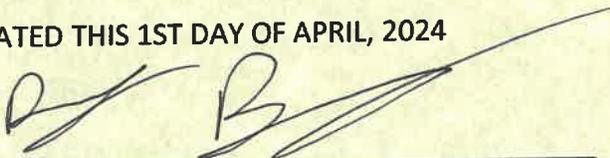
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that April is:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

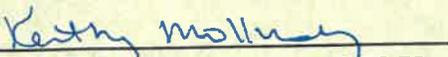
And we call upon the community, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2024



RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

