PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is an ongoing tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse intervention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, children are key to the City of West Linn's future success, prosperity, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, children are vulnerable and have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners to shine the light on child abuse so the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, by providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure the City of West Linn's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this city and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, I, Thomas Frank, Council President of the City of West Linn, hereby proclaim April 2015 to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

In West Linn and encourage all West Linn citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

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THOMAS FRANK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER