PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, During the week of May 14-20, 1990, the National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury has scheduled a local and national Campaign to increase public awareness of the high incidence of accidental injury among children; and
- WHEREAS, Each year, nearly 8,000 children under age fifteen die from injuries sustained in accidents, thereby making unintentional injuries and trauma the leading killer of children in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Approximately one in four children under the age of fifteen receives an injury serious enough to require medical attention; and
- WHEREAS, Accident prevention and expert pediatric emergency care can significantly reduce needless deaths which occur each year as the result of accidents among children in this country; and
- WHEREAS, The incidence of childhood accidental injury doubles during the trauma season, the time when children are released from school for the summer vacation and spend a great deal of their recreational hours outdoors; and
- WHEREAS, The sponsors of this Campaign believe that it is critically important to focus attention on the problem of accidental injury, the need for preventive measures, and the need to educate the public on prevention and emergency response.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID D. SPEAR, Mayor of the City of Oregon City do hereby declare May 14-20, 1990 as:

"SAFE KIDS WEEK"

in Oregon City and call upon all citizens to join with me in supporting the aims, goals and programs of the National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury, for the benefit of this City's most precious resource, its children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of May, 1990.

