



Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly five children die every day in America from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, a high number of children ages 0 to 18 in Coos County, Oregon are victims of neglect and abuse each year; and

WHEREAS, based on a Presidential Proclamation the month of April has been recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the victory over child abuse and neglect will not be achieved without the support of the entire community and recognition of the importance of awareness raising to decrease incidents of abuse and support child abuse victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, each April Bay Area Hospital's **Kids' HOPE Center** and other supporters of the Child Advocacy & Abuse Prevention Movement ask the community to join the outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, hereby proclaim April 2024 to be

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Coos Bay and encourage all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 2nd day of April 2024.



Joe Benetti, Mayor