



PROCLAMATION

April, 2018

“Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month”

WHEREAS, Children are valued in Linn County and should live in a safe, healthy home; and

WHEREAS, Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community value that depends on involvement among people throughout the community and the community providing access to the resources needed for healthy living; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of health problems, poor education performance, unstable homes and can lead to substance abuse. Abuse and neglect are far more reaching than imagined. No social economic group is immune; children of all races and ethnicities are victims of child abuse. In 2016, 367 Linn County children were abused or neglected; child abuse is a total community problem affecting all levels of society; and

WHEREAS, There were 7,677 substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in Oregon during 2016 involving 11,843 victims; 46.3 percent of those victims were younger than six; and

WHEREAS, During 2016, there were 19 Oregon children who died from causes related to familial/caregiver abuse and/or neglect; 13 of which were five years old or younger; and

WHEREAS, The prevention of child abuse needs to be addressed by the entire community.

NOW, Therefore, I Robert C. Duncan, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg proclaim **April, 2018** as “Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month” throughout the City of Harrisburg and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support children and their families in living safe and healthy lives, therefore, preventing child abuse.

Attest:


Michele Eldridge, Recorder


Robert C. Duncan, Mayor