

CITY OF HARRISBURG
Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Oregon's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of over four hundred-thousand children currently living, growing, and learning within our many communities; and

WHEREAS, research shows that safe and nurturing relationships and stimulating and stable environments improve brain development and child well-being, and

WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, research also shows that parents and caregivers who have social networks and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children, and

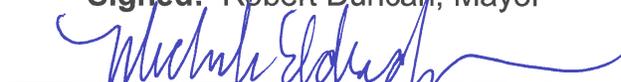
WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith-based and community organizations must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children, and

WHEREAS, the North Lane Regional Team of 90by30, in cooperation with other community organizations, is promoting the message about Child Abuse Prevention Month through the "Pinwheel for Prevention" campaign by handing out and having blue pinwheels displayed throughout the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, Robert Duncan, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg does hereby proclaim the Month of April, 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all residents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Harrisburg to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Harrisburg to be affixed on this 26th day of **March, 2019**.


Signed: Robert Duncan, Mayor


Attest: Michele Eldridge, City Recorder