

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves to live in a safe, loving and caring family environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, there were 11,191 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon, of which 979 were victims in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, we stand together as individuals, organizations, and government agencies to commit to preventing child abuse in our county by raising awareness throughout the community and by educating and supporting caregivers; and

WHEREAS, we assert that strong families and safe, stable, and nurturing environments free from violence, abuse, and neglect are essential for children's optimal growth and success, which ensures a secure future for our communities where the needs of children are a priority, and the needs of families are met; and

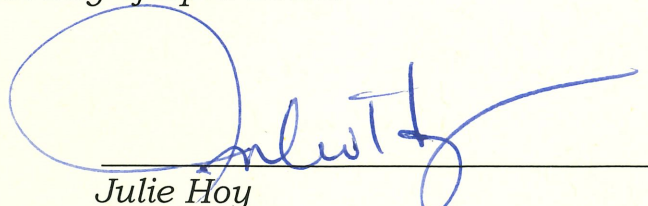
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and ask the community to observe this month with programs and activities that commit to protecting our children.

DATED this fourteenth day of April 2025.




Julie Hoy
Mayor