

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our nation's most vulnerable members and our nation's most valuable resources, helping to shape the future of Oregon and the city of Salem; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every community in the United States, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility, and on behalf of Salem's children, we join with the Marion County Child Abuse Prevention Committee consisting of the Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion and Polk Counties, CASA of Marion County, Center for Hope & Safety, Family Building Blocks, Family YMCA of Marion & Polk Counties, Keizer Police Department, Liberty House, Marion & Polk Early Learning Hub, Marion County Health & Human Services, Salem Angels, Salem-Keizer School District, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Salem Leadership Foundation, Salem Police Department, The Salvation Army Kroc Center, and Valor Mentoring that are committed to preventing child abuse in our community by raising awareness throughout the community and by educating and supporting caregivers; and

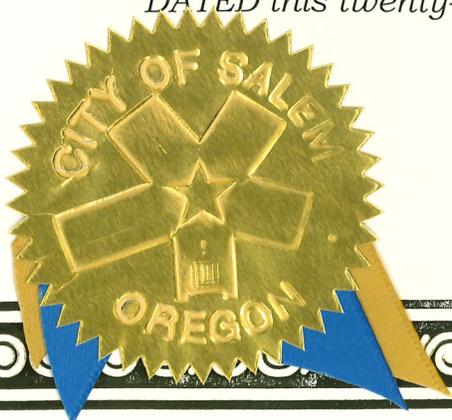
WHEREAS, we assert that strong families and safe, stable, and nurturing environments free from violence, abuse, and neglect are essential for children's optimal growth and success, which ensures a secure future for our communities where the needs of children are a priority, and the needs of families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

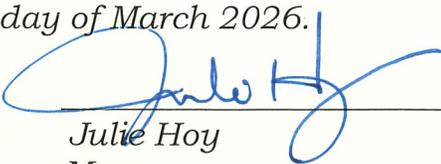
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Julie Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 2026, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

DATED this twenty-third day of March 2026.




Julie Hoy
Mayor