

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves to live in a safe, loving and caring family environment and be given the opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 there were 10,402 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon, and of those reported cases, 823 were victims in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, we endeavor to join together as individuals, organizations, and government agencies to prevent child abuse in our county by providing opportunities to educate, train, and support caregivers by raising awareness of relevant topics, including child development, basic-care skills, discipline strategies, and goal-setting for parents; and

WHEREAS, by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim April 2017, as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and ask the community to observe this month with programs and activities that help prevent child abuse and provide for children's physical, emotional, and developmental needs.

DATED this thirty-first day of March, 2017.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor

