

PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

WHEREAS, in 2016 there were 11,843 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon, of which 19 resulted in death. Of those reported cases, 1,255 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

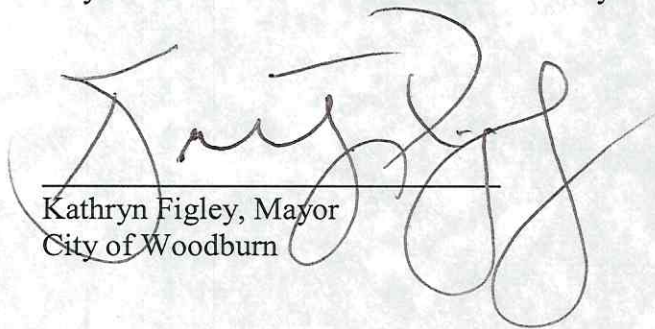
WHEREAS, by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and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

WHEREAS, the City of Woodburn has arranged for the overpass lights to shine blue during the first two weeks in April to bring attention and awareness to the issue of child abuse and neglect in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathryn Figley, Mayor of the City of Woodburn ask everyone to join together in protecting our children, and do hereby proclaim April 2018, as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Woodburn to be affixed this 23th day of April 2018.



Kathryn Figley, Mayor
City of Woodburn

