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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the public cares deeply about child abuse, and a majority report that child abuse is a very important moral issue to them;

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community.

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior;

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope;

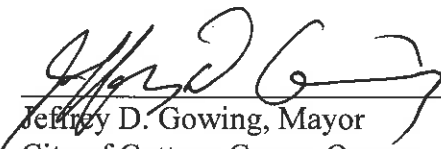
WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove do hereby proclaim the month of April as ***Child Abuse Prevention Month*** and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 26th day of March, 2018.




Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor
City of Cottage Grove, Oregon