

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
POLK COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of Proclaiming)
The Month of April, 2025)
As Child Abuse Prevention Month)

PROCLAMATION NO. 25-01

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being one of our most vulnerable assets;

WHEREAS, research shows that safe and nurturing relationships and engaging and stable environments improve brain development and child well-being, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of Polk County residents;

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Polk County, and community partner agencies, will engage families in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing parents with social support, increasing knowledge of parenting best practices and child development, educating the community on abuse and neglect warning signs and response strategies, and providing resource connection to families within their communities,

NOW THEREFORE, THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of April, 2025 as ***CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH*** and urge all residents to engage in activities whose purpose is to strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for healthy child development.

Dated this day of April 2nd 2025, at Dallas, Oregon.


POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Craig Pope, Chair



Lyne Mordhorst, Commissioner



Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner