

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there were 2,336 reports of child abuse and neglect in Central Oregon last year and;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prineville has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

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

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention month, the one period of time dedicated to the many children who live with abuse and neglect, and to remind ourselves that there may be something we can do to alleviate their suffering;

Now, Therefore, the Prineville City Council does hereby proclaim April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Prineville and we urge all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand in the City of Prineville and the State of Oregon on April 13th, 2010.

Mike Wendel, Mayor

