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## *Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation*

Every child is a precious and unique gift who deserves the security of a healthy home.

We all have a responsibility, as individuals, neighbors, community member, and citizens of Coburg to help create healthy, safe, nurturing experiences for children.

Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community value that depends on the involvement and education of citizens throughout the community.

Safe and healthy childhoods help produce confident and successful adults.

Child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but the trauma can also increase the likelihood of health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior.

Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

We acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children in a safe, stable, nurturing environment.

I Ray Smith, Mayor of the City of Coburg, do hereby proclaim April 2021 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 children and their families in living safe and healthy lives, therefore, preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Proclaimed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021

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Ray Smith, Mayor

Attest:

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Sammy Egbert, City Recorder