

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, children are vital to our city's future success and prosperity, and represent our most vulnerable resources; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities needed to foster healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a tragedy that impacts the well-being of many; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention requires a public commitment to create safe and nurturing environments for parents and caregivers to raise children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, by providing a healthy environment for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can help ensure that Wilsonville's children will grow to their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of the City of Wilsonville, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas and the County of Washington County, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Wilsonville and call upon all citizens to work to prevent child abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Wilsonville, I have hereunto set my hand on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor