

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
April 1, 2014	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Gary McCullough, Chief of Police  
Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *pec*

**ISSUE**      **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**BACKGROUND**

By Presidential Proclamation since 1983, the month of April has been known as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. The common goal for this month is to raise awareness about child abuse and how to prevent it.

This past year our local Child Abuse Intervention Center has undergone some significant changes from a name and location change to a new Parent Organization. The Kids' **HOPE** Center is now located at 1925 Thompson Road in Coos Bay, and the Bay Area Hospital has generously agreed to become the Parent Organization of the Kids' **HOPE** Center.

**ADVANTAGES:**

During the month of April, victims, services providers, criminal justice members, allied professionals, and community volunteers will join together for child abuse prevention. But, prevention can only be accomplished if we, both as a society and as individuals, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

None

**BUDGET:**

None

**RELATED CITY GOAL:**

- Citizen Education and Involvement
- City Policies, Procedures and Partnerships

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

If it pleases the council, please approve the proclamation.



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, nearly five children die every day in America from abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, 20% of children ages 0 to 17 in Coos County, Oregon are victims of abuse each year; and

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama has proclaimed the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the victory over child abuse and neglect will not be achieved without the support of the entire community and recognition of the importance of awareness raising to decrease incidents of abuse and support child abuse victims and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, each April the Child Abuse Intervention Center and other supporters of the Child Advocacy Movement ask the community to join the outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, hereby proclaim April 2014 to be

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Coos Bay, and encourage all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2014.

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Crystal Shoji, Mayor