

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE April 7, 2015	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Gary McCullough, Chief of Police

Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

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. The Kids' **HOPE** Center is located at 1925 Thompson Road in Coos Bay, and the Bay Area Hospital is 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, a high number 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 Bay Area Hospital's **Kids' HOPE Center** and other supporters of the Child Advocacy & Abuse Prevention 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 2015 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 7th day of April 2015.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor