

CITY OF COOS BAY COOS BAY
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE April 18 2017	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Benetti and City Councilors

FROM: Gary McCullough, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

SUMMARY:

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.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the council, please approve the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

BACKGROUND:

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.

April 4, 2017 was the annual Pin Wheel Day where staff, volunteers, and local law enforcement placed 331 Pin Wheels around the center to honor and represent each child seen at the center in 2016. On April 29th beginning at 10 am, the public is invited to attend the Family Fun Day held at John Topits Park. This annual event is a free family-friendly and tobacco-free event with lots of kid and family related activities as well as a barbecue and many community informational booths set up. This is a great event that allows members of our community to experience first-hand what a wonderful organization The Kids' HOPE Center is.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None



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 Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, hereby proclaim April 2017 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 18th day of April 2017.

Joe Benetti, Mayor