



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Proclaiming April as Child Abuse )  
and Neglect Prevention Month in Benton County ) Proclamation #2024-004**

Children are some of our most valuable and vulnerable community members and will continue to shape the future of Benton County. Child abuse and neglect can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse and is a serious issue that impacts every aspect of our community.

Addressing child abuse and neglect requires actions and solutions from all within the community, including partnerships with child welfare professionals, community-based organizations and programs, local businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families.

Child abuse and neglect is considered one of our nation's most serious public health problems.

The physical, emotional, and financial impact of abuse and neglect impacts children from all socioeconomic, racial, cultural, and social backgrounds and impacts children of all ages and abilities.

Children who are victims of abuse and neglect are heard and protected will likely be more capable of disclosing their victimization and continue in the justice and recovery process.

Child abuse and neglect prevention provides children and families with the knowledge of their rights and available resources to empower and improve their ability to restore a sense of safety and stability.


Benton County will support the empowerment of child abuse survivors and victims, including their non-offending family members, working toward prevention of abuse and neglect of children.

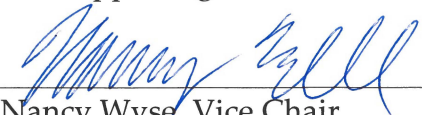
THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the month of April is National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Benton County, and all community members are encouraged to join in this observance.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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