BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF GERVAIS, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, 2017 Child Abuse Prevention Month

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Mayor and the Gervais City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of April 6th, 2017, to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, every child deserves to live in a safe, loving and caring family environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 there were 10,402 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon. Of those reported cases, 823 were victims in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, we endeavor to join together as individuals, organizations, and government agencies to prevent child abuse in our county by providing opportunities to educate, train, and support caregivers by raising awareness of relevant topics, including child development, basic-care skills, discipline strategies, and goal-setting for parents; and

WHEREAS, by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Gervais asks everyone to join together in protecting our children, and does hereby proclaim April, 2017 as

"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

Dated this 6th day of April, 2017.

CITY OF GERVAIS

Mayor, Shanti M. Platt