

PROCLAMATION

April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sexual Assault Prevention Month and April 22 – 26, 2024 As Crime Victims' Rights Week

WHEREAS, Oregon see higher rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, and childhood trauma than the national average; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and sexual violence are some of the most serious public health issues with numerous studies documenting the link between trauma and a wide range of medical, emotional and psychological, and behavioral experiences with both short and long term effects; and

WHEREAS, children who experience abuse are uniquely affected because they are still developing and therefore suffer lifelong effects to the physical and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence results in people navigating long-term mental and physical health impacts; and

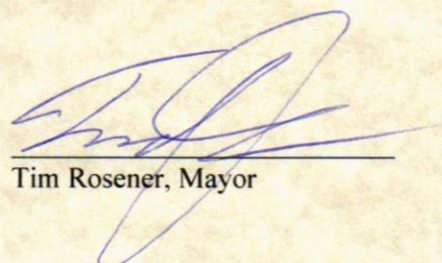
WHEREAS, sexual violence, childhood abuse, and interpersonal crime effects people of all ages, races, and orientations, but disproportionately affects children and adults with vulnerabilities, communities of color, and those impacted by systemic inequities; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of violence and abuse of individuals are expensive to our whole community and the prevention of these traumas is the best and most cost-effective method of ensuring a healthy and equitable community for all; and

WHEREAS, when harm does occur, we are determined to respond by helping survivors find not only safety, healing and justice, but also equitable access to services, a sense of hope for their future, and the tools to rebuild their lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Sherwood, Oregon does hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the week of April 22-26, 2024 to be Crime Victims' Rights Week, reaffirm our commitment to supporting a coordinated and collaborative community of providers that deliver intervention and prevention services of violence and abuse all year long.

Dated, April 2, 2024.



Tim Rosener, Mayor