

# PROCLAMATION

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 there were 10,630 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon, of which 10 resulted in death. Of those reported cases, 832 were victims in Marion County; and

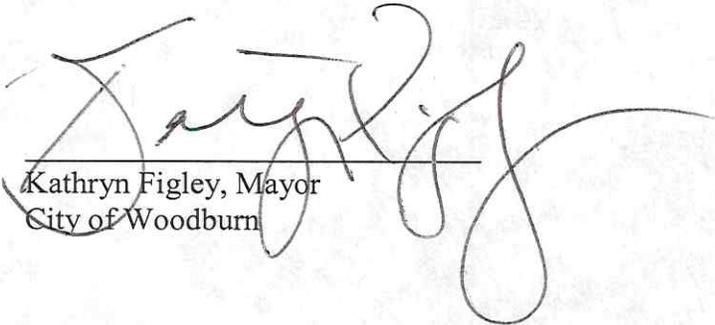
**WHEREAS**, we endeavor to join together as individuals, organizations, and government agencies to prevent child abuse in our county by providing opportunities to educate, train, and support caregivers by raising awareness of relevant topics, including child development, basic-care skills, discipline 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**, I, Kathryn Figley, Mayor of the City of Woodburn ask everyone to join together in protecting our children, and do hereby proclaim April 2016, as

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Woodburn to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016.

  
Kathryn Figley, Mayor  
City of Woodburn

