## RESOLUTION NO. 36782

Recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month (Resolution)

WHEREAS, children are a community's most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, physical, emotional, sexual abuse all constitute harm against children; and

WHEREAS, neglect and maltreatment are equally harmful; and

WHEREAS, abuse against children jeopardizes their future and therefore hurts the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Police Bureau receives over 1,000 reports of child abuse each month; and

WHEREAS, our community's children deserve to be safe, nurtured, and cared for; and

WHEREAS, abuse and neglect are caused by conditions that can be prevented in a supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, community awareness and engagement is a critical piece in child abuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is absolutely committed to protecting children hurt by abuse and neglect and to assist at-risk families through prevention methods such as intensive case management, family strengthening programs, and respite care; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Children's Levy funds 13 child abuse intervention and prevention programs at over \$1.5 million to serve nearly 2,000 Portland children in 2009-10;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland recognizes April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City encourages all Portlanders to have a positive influence on a child so that Portland's youngest may grow in a healthy, nurturing community.

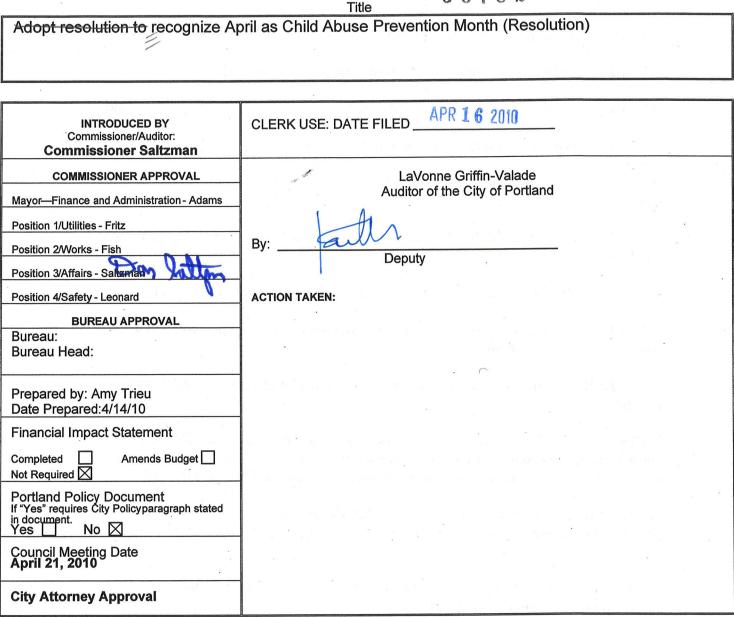
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