

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, homes built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint; and

WHEREAS, many families and households are unaware of the serious health hazards of lead-based paint; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning affects thousands of Oregon's children under six years of age; and

WHEREAS, lead dust is difficult to see; it can stick to children's hands and toys and can be brought into the home from porches or soil; and

WHEREAS, lead causes serious health conditions for children, including damage to the brain, nervous system and vital organs; slowed growth and development; learning difficulties; and problems with speech and language; and

WHEREAS, common symptoms of lead poisoning are lack of appetite, headaches, lack of energy, constipation and stomach cramps; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning can be prevented by washing hands, toys and surfaces regularly; if your home was built before 1978, regularly check for peeling paint, and fix problems promptly; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medford was awarded \$2,140,542 from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to control lead-based paint hazards in 78 income-eligible households by April 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Sparacino, Mayor of Medford, do hereby proclaim the week of October 23 through 29, 2022 as

LEAD-BASED PAINT AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Medford and encourage all citizens to take precautions against lead exposure in their homes.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
20th day of October, 2022

A blue ink handwritten signature of Randy Sparacino, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a long horizontal stroke and a loop.

Randy Sparacino
Mayor of Medford