City of Prineville **PROCLAMATION** A proclamation designating January 2017 as **National Mentoring Month** WHEREAS: the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into their efforts; and WHEREAS: youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; and WHEREAS: mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy; and all of the above listed benefits serve to link our youth to economic opportunity WHEREAS: while also strengthening the fiber of our communities; and ASPIRE, Kids Club, The Landing, Young Life, After the Bell, Crook County 4-H, WHEREAS: Ochoco Innovation Station and Heart of Oregon Corps are committed to supporting and growing mentorship opportunities for Prineville youth; NOW, THEREFORE: The City Council of Prineville, Oregon hereby proclaims January 2017 to be: **National Mentoring Month** In the City of Prineville and encourages all residents to join in observance. ATTEST: Betty Roppe, Mayor of Prineville Lisa Morgan, City Recorder (24)