BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Clackamas County Resolution No. 2022-95

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This matter coming before the Board proclaiming October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Clackamas County; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime in Clackamas County that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, family is the foundation of a safe and healthy community and it is the goal of Clackamas County for our communities to be safe; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 in 4 women will experience physical violence, rape and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 32.5% of families involved with the Department of Human Services Child Welfare department had domestic violence as a component of their case in 2021; and

WHEREAS, 1,054 victims of domestic violence applied for a protection order in Clackamas County in 2021;

WHEREAS, and there were 2,031 visits to A Safe Place Family Justice Center in 2020 & 2021, from people seeking assistance and safety from violence when access to in-person services were limited due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and abusers should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this serious crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

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NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby resolve that October 2022 is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Clackamas County. We encourage all citizens of the County to join in this observance and to learn more about what they can do to help end domestic violence both individually and collectively.

DATED this <u>6th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary