



Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

ANGELA BRANDENBURG
Sheriff

October 21, 2021

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Board Proclamation Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Purpose/Outcomes	To have the Board of County Commissioners proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	n/a
Funding Source	n/a
Duration	Month of October 2021
Previous Board Action	Previous DVAM Declarations
Strategic Plan Alignment	<p>1. <i>How does this item align with your department's Strategic Business Plan goals?</i></p> <p>The purpose of the Family Justice Center (FJC) Program is to provide comprehensive and coordinated victim services from public and non-profit agencies to vulnerable victims of crime so they can live a life free of violence.</p> <p>2. <i>How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?</i></p> <p>Building trust through good government; and ensuring safe, healthy, and secure communities.</p>
Counsel Review	<p><i>If item is a contract, including IGAs, leases, or other binding agreements, please put in the date of County Counsel Review and the initials of the attorney performing the review.)</i></p> <p>1. <i>Date of Counsel review:</i> Reviewed By SLM 10.13.21</p> <p><i>Initials of County Counsel performing review.</i></p>

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Procurement Review	1. Was the item processed through Procurement? Yes___ No <u>xx</u> 2. If no, provide brief explanation.
Contact Person	Family Justice Center Director Erin Henkelman

Background:

Domestic Violence is a pervasive, life-threatening crime that impacts our community at every level—from individual families to public health to the local economy. It affects millions of individuals across our nation regardless of age, race, gender, economic status, religion or education level. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime (*NNEDV, 2021*). Domestic violence affects all of us, and all of us must be part of the solution.

In recognition of the impact of domestic violence on the lives of children and families and the need for greater awareness in our communities, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October 1987. Various activities began occurring at the local, state and national level but all share common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end domestic violence.

In 2019, 782 households sought shelter in Clackamas County from abuse in their homes (*CWS, 2019*) and 30.7% of families involved with the Department of Human Services Child Welfare department had domestic violence as a component of their case (*2019 Child Welfare Data Book, June 2020*).

A Safe Place Family Justice Center for Clackamas County (ASP-FJC) opened in December 2013 as the community’s collective response to adults and children impacted by family violence.

ASP-FJC is comprised of 10 public and non-profit on-site partners co-located under one roof providing trauma-informed, wrap around services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children free of charge. In 2019, there were 4,621 visits to ASP-FJC from people seeking assistance and safety and 1,328 visits in 2020 during the pandemic. Services offered include safety planning, assistance filing police reports and/or protective orders, access to emergency shelter, civil legal services, housing and counseling.

Domestic violence is often thought about in terms of physical violence, but controlling behavior and other abuse tactics often begin long before any physical violence occurs. As a society we all have a role in changing the narrative about what domestic violence is, to who it happens, and how we can support those who are experiencing it, and ultimately prevent it entirely (*NNEDV, 2021*).

Recommendation:

The Sheriff’s Office respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Brandenburg,
Sheriff
Attachment: Proclamation



Erin Henkelman,
Family Justice Center Director

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2021
AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

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

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;

WHEREAS, 782 households sought shelter from abuse in their homes in 2019;

WHEREAS, 30.7% of families involved with the Department of Human Services Child Welfare department had domestic violence as a component of their case in 2019;

WHEREAS, there were 4,621 visits in 2019 and 1,328 visits in 2020 seeking assistance and safety from violence to A Safe Place Family Justice Center;

WHEREAS, on any given night, 21% of the county's homeless population are victims of domestic violence;

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

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

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as

***Domestic Violence Awareness Month
in Clackamas County***

We encourage all citizens of the County to join in this observance and urge everyone in the community to learn more about domestic violence and how to address it both individually and collectively.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2021

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Tootie Smith, Chair