



CLACKAMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Angela Brandenburg

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October 17, 2024

BCC Agenda Date/Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Proclamation Declaring October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Previous Board Action/Review			
Performance Clackamas	1. Which indicator of success does this item affect? Building trust through good government; and ensuring safe, healthy and secure communities.		
Counsel Review	Yes	Procurement Review	No
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence. Every October, organizations and individuals unite across the country for a national effort to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors. Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989.

More than 16 million people suffer from intimate partner abuser per year and every minute 32 people experience intimate partner violence in the United States (*CDC, 2024*). This issue impacts people of every gender and everyone knows someone affected by domestic violence.

This year, A Safe Place Family Justice Center (ASP-FJC) will celebrate 11 years of providing support and advocacy to adults and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and elder abuse. ASP-FJC's 12 on-site partners work to improve the lives of survivors and their children through empowerment, coordinated service and collaboration under one roof, free of charge. In 2023, ASP-FJC served 764 survivors who accessed services at the center for the first time and had 2,444 total visits for services. Additionally, ASP-FJC assisted 648 individuals in applying for a protective order, 56% of the total filed in Clackamas County.

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The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team has the task of identifying and reviewing domestic violence-related fatalities in Clackamas County. The team consists of a multi-disciplinary group of professionals who generate recommendations for improving the community response to, and prevention of, domestic violence homicides. The team is currently preparing to distribute an updated report that will be used to guide the work of the coordinated community response to domestic violence.

Through a series of events and activities throughout the month, ASP-FJC and partners seeks to engage community members in open dialogue about domestic violence, its underlying causes and how to support survivors. Together, we can collectively work towards ending domestic violence and create a safe and healthy community for everyone in Clackamas County.

RECOMMENDATION: The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests the Board of County Commissioners proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Brandenburg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Brandenburg
Sheriff

Erin Henkelman
Director, A Safe Place Family Justice Center

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

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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 16 million people in the U.S. suffer from intimate partner abuse per year in the United States; and

Whereas, 32 people experience intimate partner violence in the United States every minute; and

Whereas, 31% of families involved with the Department of Human Services Child Welfare department had domestic violence as a component of their case in 2022; and

Whereas, 1,158 victims of domestic violence requested a protection order in Clackamas County in 2023;

Whereas, 764 victims accessed wrap-around services for the first time at A Safe Place Family Justice Center, for a total of 2,444 visits in 2023; 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
to proclaim October 2024 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Clackamas County.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2023

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary