



Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff

Date of Presentation:

October 4, 2022

Presenters:

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Request:

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Financial Impact:

None

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. More than 1 in 4 women have experienced physical violence, rape and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime (*NNEDV, 2022*). Nationwide, an average of three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner every day. Domestic violence affects all of us, and all of us must be part of the solution.

In 2021, 32.5% of families involved with the Department of Human Services Child Welfare department had domestic violence as a component of their cases (*2021 Child Welfare Data Book, September 2022*), and 1,054 victims of domestic violence applied for a Protective Order.

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.

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
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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 _____ day of _____, 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary