

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 00-166

Proclaiming October 2000 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Domestic violence is a pervasive and serious problem in Multnomah County.
- b. One in seven adult women were assaulted either physically or sexually by their partner in 1999.
- c. Fifteen percent of children witnessed domestic violence; most were under 5 years old.
- d. Young women, 18 to 24 are particularly at risk of assault by their young male partners.
- e. Domestic violence accounts for 5-10% of all reported crimes and 35-40% of all reported violent crimes in Multnomah County.
- f. Domestic violence shelters and crisis lines are receiving about 20,000 crisis calls a year in the county seeking shelter for over 20,000 women and children.
- g. Domestic violence homicides make up about one-quarter of all homicides in the County, usually exceeding the number of gang-or drug-related homicides, at 6-16 per year in the past five years.
- h. These statistics are unacceptable in our community, which must be focused on building and supporting strong families.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of October 2000 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. In so doing, we commit to providing leadership in addressing this issue and working with community partners to reduce the harm caused to children and families by domestic violence.

Adopted this 5th day of October, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Beverly Stein, Chair

