

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**PROCLAMATION NO. 98-156**

Proclaiming October, 1998 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**


- a. Domestic violence accounts for 5-10% of all reported crimes and 35-40% of all reported violent crimes in Multnomah County.
- b. There are between 15,000 and 18,000 9-1-1 calls made a year in Multnomah County and 7,000 police reports generated by the Sheriff's office and Portland/Gresham police departments.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. These statistics are unacceptable in our community, which must be focused on building and supporting strong families.

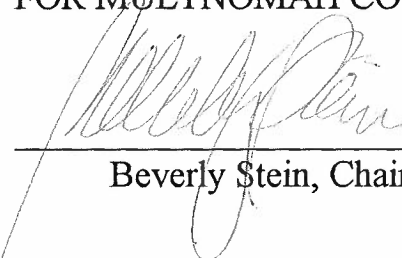
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

The month of October, 1998 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 1st day of October, 1998.

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Beverly Stein, Chair