

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. Domestic violence is a complex and pervasive problem in our community and is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers.
- B. Serious domestic violence affects one in four women and one in ten men in their lifetimes, and can have long-term damaging effects on the individual, family, friends, and the community at large.
- C. One in fifteen children witness domestic violence each year. National studies show that exposure to domestic violence harms children and place them at risk of experiencing further violence.
- D. Domestic violence is a significant contributing factor to homelessness and housing instability. Nearly four in ten women who experience domestic violence will become homeless as a result of domestic violence. Access to emergency shelter and safe, stable housing are critical for survivors seeking to establish safety.
- E. Multnomah County is a leader in addressing domestic violence through its prevention, public safety, and health and human services programs. Multnomah County is committed to ensuring the safety, dignity and self-determination of those who have been harmed by domestic violence, safeguarding the wellbeing of children who have been impacted by domestic violence, and providing appropriate intervention and accountability with domestic violence offenders.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. October 2016 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Multnomah County.
2. We urge all Multnomah County residents to actively work towards the elimination of domestic violence by supporting victims, holding perpetrators responsible, and promoting healthy, respectful relationships.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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