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## FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON PROCLAMATION

In recognition of the critical work of domestic violence advocates and allies on behalf of the survivors they serve, we encourage all citizens to participate in the activities and events sponsored by the Columbia County Victims Assistance Office and SAFE of Columbia County, our local domestic violence support organizations.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Columbia County, Oregon have declared October 2024 as Domestic Violence Action Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, over 20,000 calls are received by domestic violence crisis lines daily.

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is felt not only by individuals and families, but communities and the entire country.

**WHEREAS**, Columbia County joins with others across the State of Oregon and throughout the United States in supporting domestic violence survivors and the organizations that serve them, holding offenders accountable and promoting healthy relationships.

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a cycle of power and control where the person being abused is not responsible for the behavior of the abuser.

WHEREAS, domestic violence can manifest as physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, spiritual, and financial abuse, and all types of abuse are oppressive and can cause lifelong harm.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Columbia County recognize the important work of the Columbia County Victims Assistance Office and SAFE of Columbia County to support, educate, and advocate on behalf of domestic violence in our community.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Columbia County, Oregon invites our community to take a pledge to help end domestic violence and build resilience in our county.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, Columbia County, Oregon does hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as Domestic Violence Action Awareness Month.

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## Dated in St. Helens, Oregon, this day of October 2024

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