

**PROCLAMATION**

**DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS: Domestic violence affects every person in Deschutes County, whether as a victim or survivor, or as a family member, friend, partner, neighbor, educator, employer, or co-worker; and

WHEREAS: Now, more than ever, we are being reminded that we are capable of change, and each person makes choices every day that either support or challenge a culture of violence; and

WHEREAS: Every individual in Deschutes County has a role to play in promoting health and safety for all people by not tolerating violence, by promoting accountability, and by participating in efforts to end violence; and

WHEREAS: New efforts build on foundations laid by dedicated advocates, preventionists, activists, and other partners who have been doing this work for decades; and

WHEREAS: By taking action where you work, play, learn, worship, or live, change is possible and domestic violence is preventable when we are all working together to end domestic violence;

NOW THEREFORE: The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 2023 to be

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Deschutes County.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

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PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR

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PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER