

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence, and each October communities across the country come together to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors; and

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious crime and pervasive public health, safety, and human rights concern, affecting individuals and families across all backgrounds, ages, races, genders, income levels, and communities; and

Whereas, 1,110 victims of domestic violence requested a protection order in Clackamas County in 2025; and

Whereas, 781 victims accessed wrap-around services for the first time at A Safe Place Family Justice Center, for a total of 3,875 visits in 2025; and

Whereas, survivors deserve to be heard, believed, respected, and supported, with access to the resources, services, and opportunities necessary to achieve safety, stability, healing, and hope for themselves and their children; and

Whereas, those who perpetrate domestic violence must be held accountable, and our community must continue to challenge the attitudes and behaviors that minimize or normalize violence; and

Whereas, the City of Sandy stands with survivors, recognizes their strength and resilience, and is committed to building a community where every person can live with safety, dignity, respect, and freedom from violence; and

Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2026 calls on communities to move from awareness to action, strengthening our commitment to survivors and taking meaningful steps to remove barriers to safety, support prevention, and ensure survivors and their children have access to the resources they need;

Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for people to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Walker, Mayor of Sandy, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And I encourage all citizens of Sandy to join in this observance and learn more about what they can do to help end domestic violence both individually and collectively.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of October 2026.

KATHLEEN WALKER, Mayor

