

# Proclamation

## *Proclamation Declaring the Month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin*

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender identities, socio-economic levels, religions, backgrounds, beliefs and abilities but often has a disproportionate effect on communities and groups impacted by inequity; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence includes physical, emotional, social, sexual, spiritual, financial, and digital abuse; and can occur between family members, intimate partners and within dating relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, more than one in three women and one in four men in the United States report having experienced domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault or physical assault by an intimate partner during their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence impacts vulnerable victims including children, as approximately 50% of Washington County children who are child abuse victims also live in homes with domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Family Justice Center served a total of 4,537 survivors and the Domestic Violence Resource Center provided 8,344 crisis services to survivors despite challenges due to the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence incidents are some of the most complex and dangerous incidents that law enforcement respond to in our community, putting their lives at risk every day in the belief that a coordinated community response is necessary to support survivors, hold offenders accountable and work toward ending the cycle of violence; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City of Tualatin designates the month of October 2023 as “*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*”. Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent platform to show support for the domestic violence advocates, crisis hotline staff, victim service organizations, the prosecutors who hold offenders accountable and law enforcement officers in our community. It also provides our community the opportunity to learn more about preventing domestic violence and show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, resources, hope and assistance to victims.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2023.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder