PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of lives are needlessly lost on our roadways because of alcohol and drug-impaired driving. These are avoidable tragedies that leave deep holes in our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving is a public health concern because it not only puts the driver at risk, but also endangers the lives and safety of passengers and others sharing the road; and

WHEREAS, we remember the victims and honor their memory by making the responsible decision to drive sober and ensure others do the same; and

WHEREAS, driving while impaired by any substance – legal or illegal – is dangerous. Alcohol, illicit drugs, and even over-the-counter and prescription medications can impair a driver's judgment, decrease motor coordination, and slow the reaction time necessary to safely operate a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-impaired driving has let to over 10,000 deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, through the exercise of good judgment, personal responsibility, and a commitment to never drive while under the influence of alcohol, every community member can play a role in the fight against impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, we must also share our appreciation for the law enforcement officers who risk their lives each day to keep our communities safe while keeping impaired drivers off of our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that December 2023 is

IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

And we urge all community members to make responsible decisions and take appropriate measures to prevent impaired driving.

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER