

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious crime in Clackamas County that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

Whereas, family is the foundation of a safe and healthy community, and it is the goal of Clackamas County for our communities to be safe; and

Whereas, more than 16 million people in the U.S. suffer from intimate partner abuse per year in the United States; and

Whereas, every minute 32 people experience intimate partner violence in the United States; and

Whereas, 31% of families involved with the Department of Human Services Child Welfare department had domestic violence as a component of their case in 2021; and

Whereas, 1,158 victims of domestic violence requested a protection order in Clackamas County in 2023;

Whereas, 764 victims accessed wrap-around services for the first time at A Safe Place Family Justice Center, for a total of 2,444 visits in 2023; and

Whereas, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and abusers should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law; and

Whereas, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this serious crime; and

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, Denyse C. McGriff, Mayor of Oregon City, do hereby proclaim

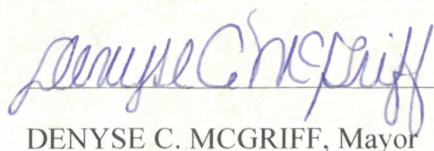
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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

And encourage all citizens of the County to join in this observance and to 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 2nd day of October 2024.


DENYSE C. MCGRIFF, Mayor

