

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the personal safety of people living in West Linn is a top priority for both policy makers and the public; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels and faiths; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, more than one out of eight Oregon women were victims of physical abuse by an intimate partner in 1998; and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are abused and neglected at a rate 1500% higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation between \$5 billion and \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

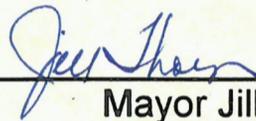
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jill Thorn, Mayor of West Linn, do hereby proclaim the month of October 1999 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of West Linn, and urge all citizens of West Linn to work toward the end of domestic violence.

Dated this 11th day of October, 1999.





Mayor Jill Thorn