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PROCLAMATION

In recognition of the critical work of domestic violence advocates and allies on behalf of the survivors they serve, we encourage all citizens to participate in the activities and events sponsored by the Columbia County Victims Assistance Office and SAFE of Columbia County, our local domestic violence support organizations.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender identities, socioeconomic levels, religions, backgrounds, beliefs, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can manifest as physical, verbal, sexual, emotional, spiritual, and financial abuse, and all types of abuse are oppressive and can cause lifelong harm.

WHEREAS, domestic violence incidents are some of the most complex and dangerous incidents that law enforcement responds 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

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is felt not only by individuals and families, but communities and the entire country; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County joins with others across the State of Oregon and throughout the United States in supporting domestic violence survivors and the organizations that serve them; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Columbia County recognize the important work of the Columbia County Victims Assistance Office and SAFE of Columbia County to support, educate, and advocate on behalf of domestic violence in our community.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Columbia County, Oregon, invite our community to take a pledge to help end domestic violence and build resilience in our county.

NOW, THEREFORE, Columbia County, Oregon does hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 as Domestic Violence Action Awareness Month.

Dated in St. Helens, Oregon, this 30th day of September 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:

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Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

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