



PROCLAMATION

Domestic violence is a complex and pervasive problem in our community that affects individuals across economic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, age, educational, religious, and societal lines. Domestic violence is not just physical, it can include emotional, mental, sexual, verbal, and financial abuse.

Whereas, in a typical day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 9,000 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet survivors' needs; and

Whereas, Nationally, one in three women will be a victim of domestic or sexual violence at some point in her lifetime, and each day an average of three women die at the hands of someone who claimed to love them. Approximately, 1 in 10 men nationally experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported some form of intimate partner violence. Domestic violence affects us all; survivors are our family members, neighbors, coworkers, and friends; and

Whereas, Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States and is a significant contributing factor to unemployment and poverty. The need for safe housing continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need, Nearly 8 million days of paid work each year is lost due to domestic violence issues – the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs; and

Whereas, Although domestic violence can affect anyone, the impact is not uniform. Survivors from marginalized groups, including individuals with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants, older adults, and women of color experience disproportionate rates of domestic violence. These disproportionate impacts are often a direct result of systemic barriers, inequities, and inherent racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism, ageism, and other oppressions in our service systems; and

Whereas, The City of McMinnville joins with others across Oregon and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in McMinnville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Remy Drabkin, Interim Mayor of the City of McMinnville do hereby proclaim ***October 2022*** to be

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

We urge all City of McMinnville community members to actively work towards the elimination of domestic violence by supporting and believing survivors and promoting healthy, respectful relationships.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the OFFICIAL Seal of the City of McMinnville to be affixed this 11th day of October, 2022.



Remy Drabkin, Interim Mayor