

PROCLAMATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2023

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious, widespread, and hidden societal problem that affects 10 million adults in the United States each year, regardless of race, age and income; and

WHEREAS, as many as one in four women are victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence rates in Oregon are higher than the national average for all genders; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the state's population of women and girls have experienced domestic and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, aging people and people with disabilities are more likely to experience violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is one of the most cited factors for why children enter the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, survivors deserve a system that provides emergency support and long-term solutions, includes housing stability for survivors and their families, and is a network in their community that supports healing.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as

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in Albany, and I call upon residents to join me in raising awareness of domestic violence prevention and recognizing the courage and inspirations of survivors, community leaders, police, judges, healthcare workers, and advocates who are working on solutions to end domestic violence.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 27th day of September 2023.


Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor