



CITY OF GEARHART

Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 10/1/2025

Subject - New Business - Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Synopsis: The City was contacted by Paige DeAlmeida on behalf of The Harbor to request that October 2025 be declared Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Gearhart.

A simple motion is needed. The Mayor will read the proclamation aloud if Council approves.

Recommendation: N/A

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation-Gearhart

1 message

Paige DeAlmeida <Paige@harbornw.org>

Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 2:55 PM

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Cc: Kaitlin Johnson <Kaitlin@harbornw.org>

I hope this message finds you well.

Attached, please find the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation for Gearhart. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Best regards,

Paige DeAlmeida (They/She) | [Why Pronouns Matter](#)

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the first Domestic Violence Month was observed in October 1987, the same year that saw the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline and in 1989 Congress designated October as national Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors - including physical, psychological, sexual and economic abuse; social isolation and stalking - that are used to maintain power and control over a person's intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, privacy, security, safety and basic human rights; and victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort and healing they need; and

WHEREAS, one in every three women and one in four men in the U.S. experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury and homicide for women; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year. Children exposed to domestic violence experience terror, isolation, guilt, helplessness and grief and have a higher risk of engaging in criminal behavior and substance abuse, and becoming victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts the health and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on every citizen to play a role in preventing and ending domestic violence.

Now,

Therefore : I Kerry Smith, Mayor of the City of Gearhart, Oregon, proclaim October 2025 to be:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Gearhart and encourage all Gearhart residents to join in this observance.

Signature: _____