



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION 2021

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, safety and basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury and homicide for women; and

WHEREAS, 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

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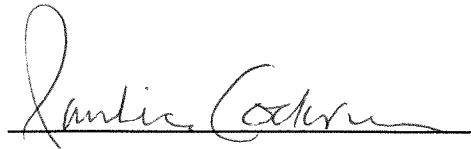
WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts the health and well-being of our community; and

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

NOW, therefore, we the Gearhart City Council Members and Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 to be:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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

 Mayor

ATTEST:  City Administrator