



**Staff Report**

For City Council Meeting - 10/5/2022

***Subject - New Business - Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation***

**Synopsis:** The City was contacted by The Harbor to request that October 2022 be declared Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A form of proclamation was attached for consideration. In the past, the City has granted funds in support of The Harbor and its advocacy on behalf of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**Recommendation:** The Council read and adopt the enclosed proclamation via signature to show the City's support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Legal Analysis:** N/A

**Financial Analysis:** N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION 2022**

**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

**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 October 2022 to be:

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator