



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: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Smith", written over a horizontal line.