



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 9,000 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for safe house continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

**WHEREAS** Coos Bay joins with others across Oregon and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Coos Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – each whose “#1Thing” adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Joe Benetti mayor of Coos Bay do hereby proclaim October as

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Coos Bay in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by The SAFE Project and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 1st day of October 2024.

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor