

**PROCLAMATION  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2020-OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2020**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is defined by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence as “a pattern of behavior that one person in a relationship uses to gain power and control over the other. Abuse is not caused by anger, mental problems, alcohol or other drugs, or other common excuses. It is caused by one person’s belief that they have the right to control their partner.”

WHEREAS, domestic violence is directed at a particular victim, however, it also victimizes children, family, strangers and the community; and

WHEREAS, Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCDVSA) responded to 2,266 hotline crisis calls related to domestic violence and sexual assault in Skamania County and the Holly House provided 2,492 safe nights of shelter to women and children during the 2020 fiscal year.

WHEREAS, SCCDVSA provides advocacy, safety and healing to victims of domestic violence in Skamania County through a wide range of services, including but not limiting to, secure shelter services, legal advocacy, community education and awareness, therapy and general advocacy/case management.

WHEREAS, Skamania County is an important partner in SCCDVSA’s vision to end domestic violence in Skamania County so that individuals and families flourish in safe and healthy relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, We the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County, do hereby proclaim the month of October, as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

In Skamania county, and we ask all citizens to participate in efforts to recognize the serious impacts of domestic violence, provide safety and compassion for victims, accountability and counseling for perpetrators and continue to work toward eliminating domestic violence in all areas of our county.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020



Richard Mahar



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