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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, 2017 as)	
"Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in)	RESOLUTION
Tillamook County, Oregon)	#R-17- <u>005</u>

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This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on the 29th day of March, 2017, at the request of Tillamook County Women's Resource Center. The Board, being fully apprised of the representations of the above named entity, finds as follows:

- 1. Sexual assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds.
- 2. Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community.
- 3. Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community. Statistics show that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2011).
- 4. Sexual assault is devastating, not only for survivors, but also for their family and friends.
- 5. In addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences, including economic disruption, housing instability, and long-term health impairment.
- 6. The prevention of child sexual abuse and the support and recovery of adult victims of child sexual abuse must be priorities when it is recognized that one in four girls and one in six boys will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18 (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2015).
- 7. We must work together to educate our community about preventing sexual violence, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions.
- 8. Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about responding to and preventing sexual violence.
- 9. Tillamook County's Board of Commissioners strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

10. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners joins advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of Oregon, we do hereby proclaim April, 2016 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Tillamook County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

11. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners urges all citizens of Tillamook County to participate fully in activities and events to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Each day is an opportunity to create change for the future.

DATED this 29th day of March, 2017.

FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON	Aye Nay Abstain/Absent
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Tim Josi, Vice-Chair Pavid Yamamoto, Commissioner	<u></u>
/ ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By: Special Deputy	William K. Sargent, County Counsel

