

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, 2021 ) RESOLUTION  
as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" ) #R-21-004  
in Tillamook County, Oregon )

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on March 31, 2021, at the request of Tides of Change (formerly the Tillamook County Women's Resource Center).

The Board, being fully apprised of the representations of the above-named entity, and the records and files herein, finds as follows:

1. *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* calls attention to the fact that sexual assault is very prevalent in our communities.
2. Sexual assault affects women, men, and children of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds. Every 73 seconds, an individual in the U.S. is sexually assaulted, and every nine minutes, that victim is a child. (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network [RAINN], 2021.)
3. About one in three women and one in six men will be subject to sexual violence at some point in their lives (National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2010-12).
4. Because one in four girls and one in six boys will be subject to a sexual assault before the age of 18 (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2015), we must prioritize the prevention of child sexual abuse, healing for victims of child sexual abuse, and holding offenders accountable.
5. Too many victims of rape and sexual assault suffer in silence, overwhelmed by shame, fear, and uncertainty that they will be heard or believed.
6. *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* provides an opportunity for survivors to discover that Tides of Change advocates are available to support survivors of any gender.
7. This is an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing and responding to sexual violence, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions.
8. Tillamook County 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:

9. 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, 2021 as *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* in Tillamook County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

10. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners urges all citizens of Tillamook County to observe *Sexual Assault Awareness Month*. Each day is an opportunity to create change for the future.

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Aye    Nay    Abstain/Absent

MF Bell  
Mary Faith Bell, Chair

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David Yamamoto, Vice-Chair

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Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk

By: [Signature]  
Special Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joel W. Stevens, County Counsel

