## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, 2022	)	RESOLUTION
as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"	)	#R-22- <u>©O</u> Q_
in Tillamook County, Oregon	)	)

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on March 23, 2022, 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 is an abuse of power that affects people of every age, race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic background, and religion: individuals who are our neighbors, friends, coworkers, family members.
- 2. Recognizing April as *Sexual Assault Awareness Month* provides an opportunity for us to **Believe Survivors** of sexual violence.
- 3. When we **Believe Survivors**, we will listen to survivor stories with understanding and acceptance and will believe them.
- 4. When we **Believe Survivors**, we will speak out against sexual violence.
- 5. When we **Believe Survivors**, we take a stand against harmful attitudes and actions.
- 6. When we **Believe Survivors**, we will dedicate ourselves to ending sexual abuse against the most vulnerable: our children.
- 7. When we **Believe Survivors**, we will commit to change the culture that allows sexual violence to be widespread.
- 8. When we **Believe Survivors**, we will commit to preventing sexual assault and sexual harassment.
- 9. When we **Believe Survivors**, we support the recovery and healing of the adults, teens, and children who have been subjected to sexual violence.
- 10. When we **Believe Survivors**, we uphold every person's right to live free from sexual violence.

11. Tillamook County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every community member to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence, to support survivors, and to hold offenders accountable.

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

12. 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, 2022 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Tillamook County.

## IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

13. 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 23rd Day of March, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Aye Nay Abstain/Absent
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  Joel W. Stevens County Counsel