

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, 2023 ) RESOLUTION  
as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" ) #R-23- 005  
in Tillamook County, Oregon )

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on March 29, 2023, 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 a devastating public health, human rights, and social justice issue in our communities and around the world.
2. 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, and often ourselves.
3. Recognizing April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" provides an opportunity for us to celebrate the voices of survivors of sexual violence.
4. When we **Celebrate Survivor Voices**, we listen to survivor stories with understanding and acceptance, and we believe them.
5. When we **Celebrate Survivor Voices**, we choose to speak out against sexual assault and abuse.
6. When we **Celebrate Survivor Voices**, we take a stand against harmful attitudes and actions; and we commit to change the culture that allows sexual violence to be widespread.
7. When we **Celebrate Survivor Voices**, we dedicate ourselves to ending sexual abuse against the most vulnerable: our children.
8. When we **Celebrate Survivor Voices**, we commit to preventing sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment.
9. When we **Celebrate Survivor Voices**, we support the recovery and healing of the adults, teens, and children who have been subjected to sexual violence.
10. When we **Celebrate Survivor Voices**, 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, 2023 as "*Sexual Assault Awareness Month*" in Tillamook County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

13. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners encourages all community members of Tillamook County to observe "*Sexual Assault Awareness Month.*" Every day is an opportunity to create change for a better future.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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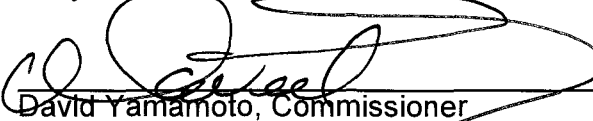
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Erin D. Skaar, Chair

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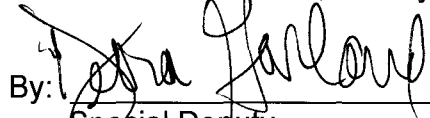
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David Yamamoto, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:   
Special Deputy

  
William K. Sargent, County Counsel

