

Whereas , Domestic Violence is a crime that touches the lives of Portlanders of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and children of every background and circumstance; and

Whereas , Domestic Violence accounts for a significant number of assaults committed in the City of Portland, and nearly one-third of Oregon Women reported experiencing domestic violence, stalking, sexual or physical assault; and

Whereas , Portland has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to addressing this problem in partnership with Multnomah County, the District Attorney's office and community service providers; and

Whereas , eight years ago, the City of Portland in cooperation with Multnomah County, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, the Multnomah County Circuit Court and community partners opened the area's first one-stop center for domestic violence victims - the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services; and

Whereas , the Gateway Center's satellite court room files over 50% of all restraining orders in Multnomah County and has upwards of 11,000 visits per year, 3,824 of which are unduplicated; and

Whereas , children who are exposed to domestic violence experience higher levels of adult depression and trauma symptoms, and are much more likely than children not exposed to violence to use and/or tolerate violence in their adult relationships.

Whereas , despite this commitment, far too many women, men, families and children in our communities are affected by domestic violence; and

Whereas , the City of Portland recognizes and thanks all the organizations and groups that are committed to address, prevent and heal from Domestic Violence, often working directly with survivors to ensure that they have access to employment opportunities, housing, legal resources, and other services.

Now, therefore , I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim October 2017

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month by gaining awareness of this issue and supporting organizations that work to address, prevent and help those affected heal from domestic violence.

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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman)

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