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## 776-2021

Proclamation

### Proclaim October 2021 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Whereas, Reported incidences of Domestic Violence in Portland have risen dramatically over the course of the pandemic; and

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**Introduced by**

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#);  
[Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty](#)

**Prepared by**

Ness Zolan

**Date Prepared**

October 19, 2021

**Requested Agenda Type**

Regular

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