## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming April, 2024 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Tillamook County, Oregon	) )	RESOLUTION #R-24- <u>005</u>
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This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on April 3, 2024, 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:

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence can happen to anyone—our family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers, even ourselves.
- Sexual assault is not about sex but is the abuse of power that affects people of every age, race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic background, and religion.
- 3. Recognizing April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" provides an opportunity for our voices to be heard in support of survivors.
- 4. Our Voices Have Power to inspire others to believe survivor reports of sexual violence.
- 5. Our Voices Have Power to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions and to commit to change the culture that allows sexual violence to be widespread.
- 6. Our Voices Have Power to accept the challenge to end sexual abuse against the most vulnerable—our children.
- 7. Our Voices Have Power to support recovery and healing of the adults, teens, and children who have been subjected to sexual violence.
- 8. **Our Voices Have Power** to call for preventing sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment.
- 9. Our Voices Have Power to ensure every person's right to live free from sexual violence.

10. 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 perpetrators accountable.

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

11. 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, 2024 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Tillamook County.

## IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

12. 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 3rd day of April, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON	Aye Nay Abstain/Absent
MF Bell Mary Faith Bell, Chair	X
Doug Olson, Vice-Chair	X/
Frin D. Skaar, Commissioner	<u>/</u>
ATTEST: Christy Nyseth, County Clerk	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Special Deputy	William K Sargent, County Counsel

