

City of Yachats

PROCLAMATION

City Council

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic and sexual violence crosses all social groups; but people who are women, LGBTQIA2S+, poor or working class, Native, of color, immigrant, non-English speaking, disabled, young, elderly, or otherwise marginalized not only shoulder the burdens of oppression but also experience high rates of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting the health and wellness of individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, preventing interpersonal violence is not only possible but is our collective responsibility, and prevention requires significant changes to our social norms regarding gender roles, strength, sexuality, relationships, and the normalization of violence; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis, including advocates, law enforcement officials, health care providers, the clergy and other concerned individuals, and it is helping in the efforts to end domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by My Sisters' Place, other domestic violence service providers, and the Lincoln County Domestic Violence Council, the members of the Yachats City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2022 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Yachats, and we urge all citizens to work with these invaluable community agencies to help alleviate this problem in our community.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2022

YACHATS CITY COUNCIL