

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL
SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution)
in support of Hands And Words) RESOLUTION 23-10-12-1
Are Not For Hurting Week)

WHEREAS, a community without abuse, violence and suicide is a dream we all share; and

WHEREAS, any form of mistreatment of another is abuse and all people have the moral and legal right to live free of abuse and violence; and

WHEREAS, each of us must come to understand that it is within our personal power to choose not to use abuse and violence to resolve conflict; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that respect for ourselves and others is key to developing healthy relationships at every age and in all circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the principal of non-violent resolution of conflict must be taught to our children and practiced within each of our families; and

WHEREAS, verbal and emotional abuse can be just as damaging as physical violence to a person's self-worth, creating scars that are carried for the rest of his/her life, and

WHEREAS, verbal abuse such as name calling, insulting, and belittling frequently escalates into simple force like pushing, grabbing or slapping, and the worst scenario is the escalation to rage, serious violence, and even murder, and

WHEREAS, self-harm and suicide must be acknowledged as a serious public health crisis as numbers of victims continue to escalate in children, teens, and adults; and

WHEREAS, we, the commissioners of Yamhill County, together with communities around the country and overseas, recognize the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project's Purple Hands Pledge® is an effective tool in abuse, violence and suicide prevention education;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of October 15 - 21, 2023, to be the 26th Annual National

HANDS AND WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING WEEK

in Yamhill County, Oregon, and in doing so, encourages all citizens of Yamhill County to join hands and unite as a family and a community to pledge:

"I Will Not Use My Hands Or My Words For Hurting Myself Or Others."

DONE this 12th day of October, 2023.

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Chair LINDSAY BERSCHAUER


Vice-Chair KIT JOHNSTON


Commissioner MARY STARRETT

