Crook County Domestic Violence Intervention Team

Crook County Corrections Department

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District Attorney

Crook County Health Dept

Crook County Sheriff's Office

Crook County Victim's Assistance

Lutheran Community Services NW

Prineville Police Department

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Crook County Commission on Children & Families

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Honorable Betty Roppe Mayor City of Prineville Oregon

Dear Betty:

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month provides an excellent opportunity for our city, Prineville, to demonstrate its support in ending domestic violence and to support the numerous victims who are among us. Moreover, it is a wonderful opportunity to educate the public on the seriousness of domestic violence and the prevalence of this epidemic in our lives.

The Crook County Domestic Violence Intervention Team would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation to recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Your proclamation would lend official recognition to the important work of educating the public on domestic violence, as well as emphasize your personal commitment to ending this crime. I have enclosed a sample proclamation which may help your office compose the appropriate proclamation for our city.

If you or your staff has any questions concerning the request, the sample proclamation, or National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please call me at (541) 447-3260. Thank you for your consideration of this special request.

Gail Schmutz

Sincerely,

Domestic Violence Project Coordinator

CITY OF PRINEVILLE PROCLAMATION

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 including abuse to children and the elderly.

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

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

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, I do hereby proclaim the month of October to be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

I, Betty J. Roppe, Mayor of the City of Prineville hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Prineville to be affixed this 11th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

Mayor Betty J. Roppe