



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: October 11, 2017

Department: Board of Commissioners Agenda Planning Date: 10/5/2017 Time required: 15 min

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Department Head Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

TITLE: 20th Annual National Hands and Words are not for Hurting Week Proclamation

Issue, Description & Background: Designating October 17-23, 2017 as National Hands and Words are not for Hurting Week in Marion County

Financial Impacts:

Impacts to Department & External Agencies

Options for Consideration: Issue Proclamation

Recommendation:

List of attachments: Proclamation

Presenter: Ashley Rardin. West Salem High School

Copies of completed paperwork sent to the following: (Include names and e-mail addresses.)

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of proclaiming)
October 15-21, 2017, to be)
National Hands & Words Are)
Not For Hurting Week)

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a community without abuse and violence 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: we, the commissioners of Marion 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 and violence prevention education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Marion County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of October 15 through 21, 2017, to be the 20th Annual National

HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING WEEK

In Marion County, and encourage all citizens of Marion County to join Hands & Hearts to unite as a family and a community to Pledge, both privately and publicly, that

“I Will Not Use My Hands Or My Words For Hurting Myself Or Others”®

Dated this 11th day of October, 2017

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner