

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR YAMHILL COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Resolution )  
In support of 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 right to live free of abuse and violence; 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, it is within our personal power to choose not to use abuse and violence to resolve conflict; 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 that person's life, and

WHEREAS, verbal abuse such as name calling, insulting, and belittling frequently escalates to physical aggression which often turns to serious violence, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the week of October 19th through October 25<sup>th</sup> 2014, to be the 17th Annual National

**HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING WEEK**

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

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

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2014

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Allen Springs*  
Chair

*Kathy Clark*  
Vice Chair

*W. Wells*

Approved As To Form  
by *Christian Boenisch*

Christian Boenisch  
County Counsel  
Yamhill County

Accepted by Yamhill County  
Board of Commissioners on

10-9-14 by Board Order

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