

**RESOLUTION No. 2024/25-05**  
**City of Dayton, Oregon**

***A Resolution of the City of Dayton Proclaiming the Week of October 20<sup>h</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Hands & Words 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 Dayton City Council, 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.

**Therefore, the City of Dayton resolves as follows:**

- 1) THAT** the City Council proclaims the week of October 20<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to be the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING WEEK; and
- 2) THAT** the residents of the City of Dayton are encouraged 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"®
- 3) THAT** this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

**In Favor: Frank, Hildebrandt, Hover, Mackin, and Teichroew**

**Opposed:**

**Absent: Maguire, Wildhaber**

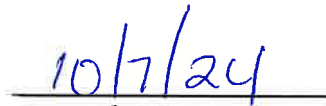
**Abstained:**

  
Annette Frank, Mayor

  
Date Signed

**ATTEST:**

  
Rocio Vargas, City Recorder

  
Date of Enactment