

RESOLUTION No. 2025/26-05
City of Dayton, Oregon

A Resolution of the City of Dayton Proclaiming the Week of October 19th through 25th, 2025 to be the 28th 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 19th through 25th, 2025 to be the 28th 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 6th day of October 2025.

In Favor: Frank, Hildebrandt, Hover, Mackin, Pederson, Teichroew, Wilkins

Opposed:

Absent:

Abstained:

Annette Frank, Mayor

Date Signed

ATTEST:

Rocio Vargas, City Recorder

Date of Enactment