

**Board of Directors
Salem-Keizer School District 24J
Salem, Oregon**


Proclamation

- WHEREAS*, a world without abuse and violence is a dream we all share; and
- WHEREAS*, we acknowledge that any form of mistreatment of another is abuse; and
- WHEREAS*, abuse can be in the form of verbal, mental or physical; and often escalates to further violence; and
- WHEREAS*, we believe that all people have the right to live free of abuse and violence; and
- WHEREAS*, we believe that every person can make a difference in stopping abuse including cyberbullying and violence by not using violence to control others, by not tolerating any form of abuse from others, and by developing healthy relationships at every age and in all circumstances based on respect and equality; and
- WHEREAS*, we recognize and support the efforts of District staff and our community in promoting respect and equality for all people, teaching conflict resolution behaviors, and helping students learn how to stop abusive cycles; and
- WHEREAS*: we recognize the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project's Pledge is an effective tool in abuse and violence prevention education; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Salem-Keizer School District 24J Proclaims October 18-24, 2015, to be the 18th Annual National

HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING WEEK

in the Salem-Keizer School District. We call upon our community to observe October 18-24 2015 as the "Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Week" and encourage everyone in the community to take the Pledge: "I Will Not Use My Hands Or My Words For Hurting Myself Or Others."®



Chairperson

October 13, 2015

Date