



## HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING PROJECT®

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THE PLEDGE:

***"I WILL NOT USE MY HANDS OR MY WORDS FOR HURTING MYSELF OR OTHERS"®***

November 23, 2010

Klamath County Board of Commissioners  
305 Main Street  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Dear Commissioners Cheryl Hukill, Al Switzer, and John Elliott

SUBJECT: KLAMATH COUNTY FIRST IN THE NATION

It is with great honor that the highly acclaimed program Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project® recognizes Klamath County as the *first* county in the nation to have the Hands Project K-12 School Curriculum in every City and County school. How wonderful!

Your dedication to ending abuse and violence and protecting the children and families in Klamath from harm is truly making a positive difference in your community and the world. Thank you for joining us to make every home a safe home, every school a safe school, every community a safe community.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving I want you as community leaders to know how grateful I am for your continued support in this simple yet powerful Pledge. We also owe a great deal of gratitude to Michael Kaibel for his tireless efforts in bringing the Hands Project to countless numbers of those working in your county toward the common goal to stop all hurting.

Since our beginning in 1997, we estimate more than one million children and adults have taken the Purple Hands Pledge. It is our hope that by the year 2020, which represents clear vision the Purple Hand Red Heart will be an international symbol of our quest to end abuse and violence wherever it exists.

Thank you for sharing the vision!

Sincerely,

Ann S. Kelly, Founder/Executive Director

For further assistance with your continuing success, please contact the Hands Project at 503-399-1440 ([handsproject.org](http://handsproject.org)) or the Klamath Chapter Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project coordinator Michael Kaibel at 541-798-5498.

***The color Purple is used to remember and honor victims and survivors of abuse and violence***

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