



**PROCLAMATION OF THE GROVER BEACH CITY COUNCIL
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
AS "FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH"**

WHEREAS, the Grover Beach City Council recognizes that regardless of whether a city physically houses a courthouse, families in that city are affected by the family court system and want to let these families know that we see them and prioritize child safety; and

WHEREAS, the mission at One Mom's Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunder's Study (Us Department of Justice), The Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court), and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in the family court system while honoring the 100(+) children in the United States who have been murdered by a parent after a custody court rejected the other parent's plea for protection (Source: Center for Judicial Excellence).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grover Beach City Council is proclaiming November 2021 as "Family Court Awareness Month".

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Grover Beach to be affixed this 25th day of October 2021.

Jeff Lee, Mayor

Attest: _____
Wendi Sims, City Clerk

