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PRESS ADVISORY: Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil Returns to Gresham

GRESHAM—Representative Carla C. Piluso (D-Gresham) in conjunction with the Family Violence Coordinating Council, Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson (D-Gresham) and the City of Gresham will hold an East County candlelight vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

WHO: Rep. Carla C. Piluso and Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, with the support of the City of Gresham, the Family Violence Coordinating Council and El Programa Hispano, will host the vigil with guests from the city, county and state. The event will provide a community space of support for domestic violence survivors and for the loved-ones of victims.

WHAT: Candlelight Remembrance Vigil to honor survivors and victims of domestic violence.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 6th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Official program to begin at 7:15pm.

WHERE: Gresham Arts Plaza, 401 NE 2nd Street in Downtown Gresham

WHY: October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Nationally, nearly 5,000,000 million women experience physical violence by an intimate partner every year, with one in four women experiencing domestic violence during their lifetime. Multnomah County has the highest rate of domestic violence fatality in the state, with one in seven women experiencing domestic violence every year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Along with the official program of speakers, Silent Witnesses will also be in the plaza to honor victims. Information and resources to assist those facing domestic violence will be provided by the Family Violence Coordinating Council.

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