

Proclamation

Whereas there is compelling scientific evidence that negative childhood experiences (known as Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs) cause lifelong behavioral and health problems when they are unrecognized and unaddressed; and

Whereas additional findings in the 20 years since the original ACE Study inform us of other adverse conditions that also lead to negative behavioral and health outcomes (such as lack of access to healthcare, poverty, unemployment, any form of discrimination, catastrophic events, and pandemics); and

Whereas the Science of Hope and Resilience acts as a buffer against the negative impact of any adverse condition by helping people build Protective Factors at all levels: individual, organization and community; and

Whereas the Community Resilience Initiative of Walla Walla envisions a community aware of and actively practicing resilience strategies during this time of COVID, social inequity and other ACEs.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Walla Walla County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October of 2021 to be the ninth annual

Resilience Awareness Month in Walla Walla County

and urge all residents to become informed about ACEs and Protective Factors to create a county aware of and actively practicing resilience strategies that benefit ALL individuals toward communities of hope and healing. Please visit the October calendar on CRI's website (criresilient.org/community-engagement) for many activities promoting resilience.

Signed by County Commissioners