

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2021, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October, 1987, and has continued to expand its efforts to raise awareness to this issue which impacts lives and does not discriminate gender, race, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes, making that a statistic our community is committed to working against; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, through education and awareness it is known domestic violence is rooted in power and control. Physical violence is not the sole offense. Abuse also includes sexual, emotional, verbal, psychological, and financial abuse; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, we are grateful to the various agencies in the City of Norman which carry out the difficult and necessary work to help victims out of Domestic Violence, including, but not limited to, the Women's Resource Center, Mary Abbott Children's House, the University of Oklahoma's Women and Gender Studies Program's Center for Social Justice, and the Norman Police Department; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, as a community, we are committed to work tirelessly to educate about domestic violence to draw awareness, advocate for victims, and ensure resources are available for victims, survivors and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:


- § 6. Do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2021, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Norman, recognize the important work done by domestic violence programs, and ask all citizens to participate in activities and programs to advance awareness to improve victims' safety and hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12 day of October, 2021.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk

