

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 19-1083 Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects people of all races, ages, gender identities, socio-economic levels, religions, backgrounds, beliefs and abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence includes physical, emotional, social, sexual, spiritual, financial and digital abuse; and can occur between family members, intimate partners and within dating relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread; it's estimated that over 12 million Americans are affected each year; and

**WHEREAS**, more than one in three women and one in four men in the United States report having experienced domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault or physical assault by an intimate partner during their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, one in fifteen children are exposed to domestic violence in the home each year and last year at least seven children in Colorado witnessed or were in the home when a domestic violence related homicide occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime, at least 19% of reported domestic violence involves the use of a weapon, and the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver joins with others across Colorado and the Nation in supporting victims of domestic violence and shares the goal of this month-long observance to support the work of public and private entities that respond to domestic violence in communities across this state.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Consulate of Mexico in Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 14, 2019

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PRESIDENT