

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 23-1395 Recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the month of October is widely known as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, an annual campaign to highlight this important issue and signify to survivors that they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence will impact 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the number of domestic violence incidents, including those resulting in fatality, continues to rise in the state of Colorado in 2022, with an increasing need for support services; and

WHEREAS, all types of abuse - emotional, physical, sexual, and financial - violate an individual's security, privacy, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, everyone has the right to feel safe in their relationships, receive education on healthy relationship behaviors, and have access to a critical support system and services that declare that domestic violence will not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, people with intersectional identities are at an even higher risk for domestic violence. Women with disabilities have a 40% greater chance of intimate partner violence, and more than half of trans people have experienced partner violence; and

WHEREAS, providing non-judgmental support and resources to survivors, and those that support them, is vital to reducing and ending domestic violence, and that responsibility falls on the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; honors victims, survivors, and advocates; calls on the broader community to speak out against abuse; and pledges to stand united in efforts to end domestic violence.

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 hereby recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention month, and

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 Heather Schreck of SAFEHOUSE Denver.

Section 3. 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 Margaret Abrams of the Rose Andom Center.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 2, 2023

PRESIDENT

