

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2023 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation recognizes that all Hyattsville residents deserve to live a life free from violence and abuse. Through this proclamation, we pledge to ensure that survivors of domestic violence (also known as intimate partner violence) know that they are not alone and that our community is here to support them as they move forward to enjoy full and healthy lives.

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to educate our community about intimate partner violence prevention, support survivors, and remember those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, emotional abuse, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another, The City of Hyattsville recognizes the damaging effects of this violence are profound; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a victim of domestic violence regardless of age, sex, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion and on average, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the State of Maryland have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, the effects of domestic violence extend to children who witness it and they are more likely to repeat such acts as adults, perpetuating a cycle of abuse that lasts for generations; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for our community to help end this cycle, learn more about intimate partner violence prevention, and show support for many organizations and individuals providing critical advocacy, services, and assistance to its victims;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, staff, and residents recognize October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Hyattsville, as we work together to eliminate domestic and intimate partner violence from our community.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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