

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 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, domestic and family violence is abusive behavior by one person to control and dominate another within a close relationship, which may include physical assault, psychological abuse, social abuse, economic abuse or emotional abuse; The City of Hyattsville recognizes the damaging effects of 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; on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are studies that indicate children raised in violent homes are likely to repeat such acts as adults leading to a destructive pattern often referred to as “the cycle of abuse”; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council, staff, and residents recognize October 2022 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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