## CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2021 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 victims of domestic violence know that they are not alone and that our community is here to support survivors of domestic violence as they courageously move forward to enjoy full and healthy lives.

WHEREAS, anyone can be a victim of domestic violence regardless of age, sex, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for our community to 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 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Hyattsville, as we work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

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**Kevin Ward** *Mayor, City of Hyattsville* 

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