

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Offices of Mayor Jerry Dyer & Council President Tyler Maxwell*

Hereby Recognizes:

## *Marjaree Mason Center*

**WHEREAS**, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which through education allows the community to acknowledge and support survivors and advocates in ending the cycle of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is widespread and annually affects more than 12 million people in the United States, without regard to age, race, religion, or economic status. On average, one in three women is killed each day as a result of domestic violence. In the City of Fresno since 2017 there have been nearly 20 domestic violence-related deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, Nearly 9,000 domestic violence calls were received by City of Fresno law enforcement agencies in 2022. As Fresno’s only dedicated provider of domestic violence safe housing and comprehensive support services, the Marjaree Mason Center in the past year has served more than 7,539 adults and children affected by domestic violence and has also provided services to those who cause harm; and

**WHEREAS**, The Marjaree Mason Center actively partners with the City of Fresno Police and Planning and Development departments to ensure survivors have access to safe housing, receive support with restraining orders and other services; and

**WHEREAS**, October 19<sup>th</sup> is known as Purple Thursday, a nationwide day dedicated to remembering domestic violence victims, supporting survivors, and raising awareness of local resources available to end the cycle of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, A partnership of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis and is achieving results. The Marjaree Mason Center, along with law enforcement, health care providers, clergy, and concerned citizens, are helping to end domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals while increasing the public understanding of this crucial issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, and the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be:

## *“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”*

**in the City of Fresno**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October of the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

*JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor*

*TYLER MAXWELL, Council President*

*ANNALISA PEREA, Council Vice President*

*MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2*

*MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3*

*LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember, District 5*

*GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember, District 6*

*NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember, District 7*