

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Mayor Lee Brand*



## *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

*Whereas, domestic violence impacts countless individuals, without regard to age, race, religion, or economic status; as victims suffer at the hands of a spouse or partner, it affects their children, families, and entire communities; and*

*Whereas, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 12 million men and women in the United States each year, and at its most tragic level, kills an average of three women every day; and*

*Whereas, over 7,000 domestic violence calls are made to the Fresno Police Department alone each year, and as Fresno County's only dedicated provider of domestic violence safe housing and support services, Marjaree Mason Center serves over 6,000 individuals affected by domestic violence each year; and*

*Whereas, each October, the formal recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for survivors and advocate for the end of the cycle of abuse through education; and*

*Whereas, a partnership of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis and are achieving success. The Marjaree Mason Center, along with law enforcement, health care providers, clergy and concerned citizens are helping in the effort to end domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals and increase public understanding of this important problem.*

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I Mayor Lee Brand and members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and urge all citizens of Fresno to work together to end the cycle of violence in our community.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and affixed the seal of the  
City of Fresno, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_  
ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

\_\_\_\_\_  
GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

\_\_\_\_\_  
NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7