

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Karbassi & Council President Arias

WHEREAS, each October, the City of Fresno formally recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness; and

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, more than 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 8,200 adults and children impacted by domestic violence annually and also provides services to those who cause harm; and

WHEREAS, Fresno has the highest rate of domestic violence calls in all of California; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence awareness Month allows the community to acknowledge and show their support for survivors and advocates to end of the cycle of abuse through education; and

WHEREAS, Purple Thursday, October 22, is a national day dedicated to remembering the victims of domestic violence, to supporting survivors, and to raising awareness on local resources available to put an end to domestic violence ; 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, Mayor Lee Brand and the Fresno City Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 22nd day of October 2020.