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ROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, in just one day in 2022, across the U.S. and its territories, over 70,032 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 9,444 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and

WHEREAS, the need for safe housing continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bastrop joins with others across Texas and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in the City of Bastrop; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems; and

WHEREAS, In City of Bastrop, in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Family Crisis Center and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lyle Nelson, Mayor of the City of Bastrop, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

In City of Bastrop, in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bastrop, Texas to be affixed this 19th day of September 2023.

Lyle Nelson, Mayor

