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Domestic Awareness Month

Proclamation

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security, and for the most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessing. Tragically, for many Americans, these are blessings that are tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute. According to the Department of Justice, approximately 95% of the victims of domestic violence are women. Nationally, 4,000,000 women a year are assaulted by their partners. Every day at least four women are murdered by boyfriends or husbands. Approximately 70% of men who batter their partners either sexually or physically abuse their children.

In 2005 New Mexico estimated 201,267 incidents of domestic violence were reported. An estimated 245,631 incidents were reported on stalking. Two thirds (66%) of victims of intimate partner violence were assaulted by an ex-romantic partner. In 2005, over one-third of domestic incidents reported by law enforcement involved a weapon. Of these incidents, 2% involved a gun, 5% involved a knife and 93% involved other "personal" and "non-personal weapons." A total of 37 domestic violence homicides occurred in NM in 2004, in 2005 a total of 28 have occurred. As many as 3,697 of the adult victims who sought services from domestic violence providers claimed they did not report their incident to law enforcement. Statewide a total of 6,991 protection orders were filed. (NM Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository, 2006)

WHEREAS, women are not the only targets; men, young children and the elderly also are counted among the victims, and sadly, emotional scars are often permanent; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis. Law Enforcement officials, those involved with shelters, hotline services, health care providers, the clergy and other concerned agencies and citizens are helping in the effort to prevent domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals and applaud their efforts to increase public understanding of this local and nationwide problem,

NOW THEREFORE, I John L Ojinaga, Mayor of the City of Bayard hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end, and participate in community efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Bayard to be affixed this 14th day of October 2026.

John L. Ojinaga
Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha Salas
Clerk Treasurer

