

**CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION**

In the **CITY OF BAY CITY** 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 Crisis Center of Matagorda and Wharton County” and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of domestic violence.

- WHEREAS,** Domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across Bay City, Matagorda County, the United States and the world with implications for personal and community health.
- WHEREAS,** Domestic violence does not discriminate and touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, or socioeconomic status; and
- WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month is nationally recognized every October, and is an opportunity to help our community promote and protect the safety and freedom of all who seek refuge from this terrible crime; and
- WHEREAS,** The Crisis Center of Matagorda and Wharton County is dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence by providing free and confidential services such as: advocacy, education, shelter and resources. In the past year, the Crisis Center has provided services to 425 clients of domestic violence and 6,319 nights of shelter to adults and children. Through these programs, individuals and families can feel a sense of hope, safety, and protection; and
- WHEREAS,** Research shows incidents of domestic violence are reduced by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another. The City of Bay City encourages members of the community to work together to increase domestic violence awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** During the month of October, the Crisis Center will be promoting public awareness of domestic violence. On October 19th citizens can participate in “Go Purple Day”, a National Day of Action during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, by wearing purple as a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and personal dedication to domestic violence awareness. On October 20th the Center will host “Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” in support of victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT NELSON, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Bay City, Texas, do hereby proclaim the

*Month of October 2023
“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”
in Bay City, Texas.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Bay City, Texas to be affixed on this 10 day of October, 2023.

**ROBERT NELSON
MAYOR
BAY CITY, TEXAS**