

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF BAY CITY, TEXAS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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 first began by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect women’s advocates across the country. This month 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. Through their 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, In the past year, The Crisis Center of Matagorda and Wharton County provided services to 397 new clients and provided 9,432 nights of shelter to adults and children.

WHEREAS, During the month of October, The Crisis Center will be promoting public awareness of domestic violence. On October 12th the Center will host “Walk a Mile in their Shoes” in support of victims and survivors. On October 20th we ask the citizens of Bay City to participate in Purple Thursday or “Go Purple Day” as a National Day of Action during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On this day, everyone is encouraged to wear all things purple as a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and personal dedication to domestic violence awareness.

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 2022 “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 27 day of September, 2022.

Robert K. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanna Thompson, City Secretary