

Proclamation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2024 PROCLAMATION 2023-05



WHEREAS, During the month of October, the Mayor and Council of the City of Dallas, Georgia, will recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness and will stand in support of those who have been affected by this terrible crime, recognize the individuals and groups who have stepped forward to break the cycle of violence, and commit to helping put an end to domestic violence as it occurs in our community; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council recognize that Shepherd's Rest Ministries, Inc., Safe-House and Service for Battered Women and Children, has provided shelter and services for women and children of domestic violence circumstances since 1977, and continues to serve our community by ensuring that victims of this kind of abuse know that they are not alone, and that there are resources and choices available to them and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, While the City of Dallas must do its part, it is also just as important that all citizens play a role in ending domestic violence by promoting healthy relationships within our own circles of influence, speaking out when we see injustice in our community, stand with survivors we know, and change attitudes that continue the cycle of abuse, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, James Kelly, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Georgia, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Dallas and the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim **October 2024, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in the City of Dallas, Georgia; and recognize Shepherd's Rest Ministries organization for its dedication to providing resources, shelter, counseling, love and support to victims of Domestic Violence; and commend the Dallas Police Department for their 303 incident and control and 73 arrests from September 2023 through September 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this Seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the City of Dallas, in the state of Georgia.

Mayor L. James Kelly