

Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2021

WHEREAS, domestic violence is one person using a pattern of controlling behavior against another person in a relationship; and

WHEREAS, all victims should be able to access help and support regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Advocates for Family Peace served over 400 survivors of domestic violence and their children in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and surrounding communities in 2021, providing confidential and free services twenty-four hours a day; and

WHEREAS, the number of families experiencing domestic violence increased significantly during Covid-19, causing additional hardship for families already suffering; and

WHEREAS, businesses, organizations, and churches all play a powerful role in supporting survivors of domestic violence, helping them to find safety and security; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts all of us. Every community member should have a right to a safe home free of violence; and

WHEREAS, Grand Rapids, Minnesota residents can overcome domestic violence by supporting survivors seeking help, making the community safer for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dale Christy, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all community members to work together to end domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto subscribed my name and the seal of the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 25th day of October, Two thousand twenty-one.

Dale Christy, Mayor
City of Grand Rapids