

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is a basic human right to live a life free from violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious problem that occurs in all cultures and communities and does not discriminate by age, gender, social class, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, one in three women and one in seven men in Utah will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and that 60-75% of families with intimate partner violence have children who are also impacted by the violence; and

WHEREAS, seniors are also victims of domestic and sexual violence and are part of the most under-reported group, and

WHEREAS, domestic violence-related homicides account for over 40% of homicides in Utah; and 80 Utah children will witness the murder or attempted murder of their mother every year; and

WHEREAS, awareness and intentional collaboration are required to find solutions to abuse and intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of local government to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Donia Jessop, Mayor of the City of Hildale, Utah, in partnership with DOVE Center, do hereby proclaim October as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of **Hildale**, we urge all residents to use October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to learn how they can break the silence and end domestic violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of **Hildale**, Utah this _____ day of October 2022.

Donia Jessop, Mayor