

# 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 15th day of October, 2025.

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Donia Jessop, Mayor