## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE, TEXAS IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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WHEREAS, domestic violence is a widespread issue affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation, and is a crime that impacts millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can manifest as physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, or economic abuse, causing devastating and long-lasting effects on victims, their families, and communities as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of domestic violence requires the efforts of individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based groups, and government agencies, who work together to promote education, offer resources, and foster a culture of zero tolerance for violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, observed every October, provides an opportunity for the community to speak out against domestic violence, support survivors, raise awareness of the warning signs, and promote the services available to those in need; and

WHEREAS, by bringing attention to domestic violence, we encourage every person to take action to end the cycle of abuse, support those affected, and create a world where everyone can live free from violence and fear;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, The City of Hilshire Village joins with others across Texas and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Hilshire Village; and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature and the seal of the City of Hilshire Village, this 17th day of September 2024.

Attest

Robert F. Buesinger, Mayor

Cassie Stephens, City Secretary

