

Proclamation Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime and public health issue that affects individuals of all ages, races, genders, socioeconomic backgrounds, religions, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and financial abuse, as well as coercive control, and its impact extends beyond individual victims to families, children, workplaces, and communities; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans experience domestic violence each year, often suffering in silence due to fear, stigma, or lack of access to resources and support; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness and understanding of domestic violence is essential to preventing abuse, supporting survivors, holding offenders accountable, and fostering safe and healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS, victim advocates, social service providers, law enforcement agencies, healthcare professionals, educators, and community organizations work tirelessly to assist survivors, promote awareness, and provide resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood is committed to supporting efforts that promote safety, dignity, respect, and justice for all residents and recognizes the importance of creating a community where everyone can live free from violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for residents to learn about the signs of abuse, support survivors, and recommit to ending domestic violence in our community and throughout the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, the President of the Village of Homewood, Illinois, and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Village of Homewood and encourage all residents to increase their awareness of domestic violence, support survivors, and work together to build a safer, stronger, and more compassionate community for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Homewood, Illinois, to be affixed this 13th day of October, 2026.

Village President