

# **Proclamation of the Town of Jerome Proclaiming October 2025 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of coercive control and abusive behaviors used to gain and maintain power and control over an intimate partner that can include isolation from family and friends, financial, emotional, and physical abuse, and sexual assault. Domestic Violence knows no boundaries and impacts everyone regardless of race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and geographic location, and;

**WHEREAS**, 41% of women and 26% of men report having experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and;

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a public health issue that affects all of us, and to address it, we must apply our collective attention and resources to interventions to address the consequences of domestic violence and the myriad of other issues, including mental and behavioral health, homelessness, and substance use disorders, and;

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence. Every October, organizations and individuals unite across the nation for a national effort to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors, and the Town of Jerome is proud to join this effort, and;

**WHEREAS**, partnerships with community organizations, healthcare providers, and law enforcement help provide support for survivors, including trauma-informed advocates and support for those seeking help, and;

**WHEREAS** survivors don't have to go it alone when they are ready. There are resources to help, including the Verde Valley Sanctuary at (928-634-2511), the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800-799-SAFE), the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline at (602-279-2980), and Arizona 2-1-1 at (211); **Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** on this 14th day of October 2025 by the Town of Jerome Council that October 2025 is “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.” This month, we reaffirm our steadfast and unwavering commitment to helping survivors of domestic violence where they are and work tirelessly to provide the systems and supports they need to heal, hold spaces for them to rebuild their lives and share their stories, and center our efforts to ensure no one is left behind, and that domestic violence, in all of its forms, is not tolerated in our community.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, to be affixed this 14th day of October 2025.

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Christina “Alex” Barber  
Mayor, Town of Jerome, Arizona

