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Proclamation Proclaiming October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive control and abusive behaviors in any intimate or familial relationship that are used to gain and maintain power and control over another.

WHEREAS, Domestic violence can present in many different ways, including: Emotional Abuse, Economic Abuse, Physical Abuse, Using Children, Reproduction Coercion, Isolation, and Sexual Abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an issue affecting Arizonans in all communities, regardless of age, race, gender, economic status, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, more than 12 million women and men are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States every year, averaging 24 people per minute; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in ten men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of children exposed to intimate partner violence had their first exposure before the age of two, and an additional 26 percent had their first exposure between the ages of two and seven; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are more likely to experience long-term mental and physical health concerns including a higher risk of chronic disease, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety, and risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, promoting healthy, respectful, and nonviolent relationships can help reduce the occurrence of intimate partner violence, support survivors, and lessen short and long-term harm on individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to enhance education, prevention and intervention efforts around domestic violence and support organizations and individuals who provide advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christina "Alex" Barber, Mayor of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

MONTH and call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools, and colleges in the Town of Jerome to support domestic violence survivors and take a stand against all forms of violence and abuse in relationships.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Jerome, Arizona, to be affixed this 10th day of October, 2023.

Christina "Alex" Barber
Mayor of the Town of Jerome