



City of Ketchum

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

- Whereas,** domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across Blaine County, the United States and the world with implications for personal and community health; and
- Whereas,** one in every four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime; one in every five women will experience sexual assault in her lifetime; and one in seven men have had abusive or unwanted sexual experiences in their lifetime; and
- Whereas,** the crimes of domestic and sexual violence violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and
- Whereas,** victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, emergency and transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can safely escape the cycle of abuse; and
- Whereas,** every day in Blaine County individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, providing services including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services; and
- Whereas,** Ketchum, has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence, address its brutal and destructive effects and make ending domestic violence a local priority.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and recognize the survivors and victims of abuse whose courage inspires us all. We recommit to offering a helping hand to those most in need, and we remind them that they are not alone.