

# City of Kingsport Proclamation

**Whereas**, domestic violence transcends racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic borders, and its perpetrators harm their victims, endanger children, traumatize families and threaten our communities; and,

**Whereas**, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, highlighting the urgent need for awareness, intervention, and prevention; and,

**Whereas**, 60,479 victims of domestic violence were reported in Tennessee with 6,928 juveniles accounting for 11% of the victims (2023); and,

**Whereas**, children who witness domestic violence are at greater risk of developing behavioral, emotional, and social problems, perpetuating a cycle of violence that can continue for generations; and,

**Whereas**, on a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide; and,

**Whereas**, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and,

**Whereas**, advocates, law enforcement, and local organizations work tirelessly to provide safety, support, and resources to victims and survivors, offering them a path to healing and independence; and,

**Whereas**, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and,

**Whereas**, the City of Kingsport is committed to creating a community where every individual is safe and free from the threat of violence and abuse; and,

**Whereas**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves as a critical opportunity to educate the public, honor the memory of those who have lost their lives, and stand in solidarity with survivors.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Kingsport in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, to be affixed this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

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Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor