



## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, since 1981, October has been recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to bring attention to lifesaving resources for domestic violence survivors. Domestic violence does not discriminate, touching all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, or socioeconomic status, with over 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the United States having experienced domestic violence during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in just one day, across the U.S., nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from programs and shelters. The state of Texas has 147 organizations dedicated to providing domestic violence services to survivors, demonstrating a statewide commitment to addressing this critical issue. The impact of domestic violence is far-reaching, directly affecting individuals and society, within our community, across the United States, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, during National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, we stand with the tens of millions of people who have experienced intimate partner violence, recognizing their strength and resilience, and the City of Manor joins with others across Texas and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies committed to increasing public awareness and sending a clear message to offenders that domestic violence is not tolerated in Manor; and

WHEREAS, our Victim Services at the Manor Police Department has formed powerful partnerships with various local organizations dedicated to preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors. Some of these organizations will be honored here tonight for their invaluable contributions, recognizing that victims and survivors need comprehensive services, but above all, genuine and non-judgmental support from friends, family, and our community to help them rebuild their lives;

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024, as:

## "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

in the City of Manor, Texas and urges all residents to become involved in efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence and recognize the impact of domestic violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Manor on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day October 2024.

Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor City of Manor