

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF  
OCTOBER 2026, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS  
MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN

- § 1. WHEREAS, domestic violence is a widespread and deeply harmful issue that affects millions of individuals and families across all communities, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion causing long-term trauma; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month began with the Day of Unity in October 1981, established by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to connect advocates across the country working to end violence in the home; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, this month serves as a national call to raise awareness, support survivors, and honor those whose lives have been lost to acts of domestic violence; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, domestic violence takes many forms—including physical, emotional, sexual, and financial abuse—and addressing it requires prevention, education, community involvement, and comprehensive support services; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, within the City of Norman, organizations such as Abbott Children’s House and Women’s Resource Center provide vital support services; and at the state level, the 211 helpline offers a free, confidential crisis line available 24/7 to all Oklahomans; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the National Domestic Violence Hotline number is 1-800-799-SAFE and offers confidential support 24/7/365; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, we honor the resilience of survivors, the tireless efforts of advocates and service providers, and renew our commitment to creating a community rooted in safety, dignity, and justice for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Norman and urge all residents to take action, speak out, and support efforts to end domestic violence in all its forms.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2026.

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Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

