



**Office of the Mayor  
New Prague, Minnesota**

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

In the City of New Prague in recognition of the critical work being done by domestic violence advocates in service of the survivors and victims they serve, I encourage all citizens to actively engage in the work and events sponsored by Southern Valley Alliance and other organizations working toward the elimination of domestic violence.

**Whereas**, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the US have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime;

**Whereas**, more than 23,000 calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide every day;

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**Whereas**, the City of New Prague joins with others across the state of Minnesota, and nationwide, in supporting domestic violence victims and survivors, the advocates and organizations who serve them, and holding offenders accountable in New Prague.

**Now Therefore**, I, Duane J. Jirik, Mayor of the City of New Prague, Minnesota do hereby proclaim **Monday, October 7, 2024** to be:

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month!**

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024

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Duane J. Jirik, Mayor  
City of New Prague, Minnesota