

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, in the United States, millions of individuals are affected by domestic violence each year, resulting in physical, emotional, and psychological harm to survivors; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the signs of domestic violence, the need for prevention, and the resources available to those affected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Lake Park recognizes the tireless efforts of organizations such as Alexandra House, which has been a beacon of hope and support for survivors of domestic violence in Anoka County for more than 40 years, providing essential services such as emergency shelter, legal advocacy, safety planning, and support groups; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra House plays a crucial role in fostering community partnerships and promoting public education to prevent domestic violence and empower individuals to seek safety and support; and

WHEREAS, ending domestic violence requires a collaborative effort between law enforcement, service providers, healthcare professionals, educators, and all community members to support survivors and hold offenders accountable; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we recognize the strength and resilience of survivors and continue to advocate for a future where all individuals can live free from violence and fear.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Nelson, Mayor of the City of Spring Lake Park, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Spring Lake Park and do hereby encourage residents of Spring Lake Park to all residents to actively participate in events and initiatives aimed at promoting awareness, providing support to survivors, and advocating for policies that combat domestic violence.

Dated this 6^{th} day of October, two thousand twenty-four.