

# Proclamation

## *Proclamation Declaring the Month of October, 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Tualatin*

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender identities, socio-economic levels, religions, backgrounds, beliefs and abilities; and domestic violence includes physical, emotional, social, sexual, spiritual, financial and digital abuse; and can occur between family members, intimate partners and within dating relationships; and

WHEREAS, more than one in three women and one in four men in the United States report having experienced domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault or physical assault by an intimate partner during their lifetimes. One in fifteen children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence and grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average, often resulting in life long trauma; and

WHEREAS, it is not uncommon for domestic violence abusers to isolate their victims as an act of control or to reduce opportunity for disclosure of abuse, and the current societal conditions, including reduced accessibility to shelters and resources, are likely furthering the impact of these actions; and

WHEREAS, our law enforcement officers put their lives at risk daily responding to domestic violence incidents and the Tualatin Police Department believes a coordinated community effort is imperative to raising awareness of the increased risks to survivors due to COVID-19 and putting a stop to this cycle of violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Tualatin designates the month of October 2020 as "*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*". Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent platform to show support for the domestic violence advocates, crisis hotline staff, victim service organizations, the prosecutors who hold offenders accountable and law enforcement officers in our community. It also provides our community the opportunity to learn more about preventing domestic violence and show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, resources, hope and assistance to victims.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of September 2020.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder