



PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Whereas, one in three women and one in four men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; 72% of all murder suicides involve an intimate partner; and 94% of the victims of these murder suicides are female; and

Whereas, 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence; and

Whereas, More than 10% of community-residing older adults experience physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse or neglect at the hands of a trusted individual annually in the United States; and

Whereas, elder abuse is believed to be widely underreported, with only 1 in 24 cases reported; and

Whereas, victims of domestic violence are more likely to experience long-term mental and physical health concerns including a higher risk of depression, anxiety, and risky behaviors; and

Whereas, promoting healthy, respectful and nonviolent relationships can help reduce the occurrence of intimate partner violence and lessen the harm on individuals and families.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourage all Avondale residents, businesses, schools, and hospitals to support domestic violence survivors and stand against all forms of violence and abuse in relationships.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk