

Office of the Mayor City of El Mirage Proclamation



WHEREAS, domestic violence is an epidemic affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, over 3 million children witness domestic violence each year, and over 10 million children are at risk of witnessing domestic violence each year, contributing to devastating effects such as trauma, decreased social, emotional and cognitive development, physical problems, and an increased likelihood of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, one in eight female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who leave their abusers face poverty, unemployment, homelessness and even death at the hands of abusers as a result of leaving; and

WHEREAS, the El Mirage Police Department responded to 546 domestic violence calls in 2020; and

WHEREAS, stopping domestic violence requires uncompromised accountability of offenders; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community action and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor of the City of El Mirage, Arizona do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2021 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all citizens of the City of El Mirage to support the efforts of organizations that provide education, outreach and support to victims of domestic violence and call upon our citizens to dedicate themselves to ending all forms of violence and the abuse of power and control in relationships.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 5th day of October, 2021.

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor