



PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2023

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 Arizona has the fifth-highest domestic violence rates in the United States, with about 42.6% of women and 33.4% of men experiencing intimate partner physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking; and

WHEREAS over 3 million children will be affected by domestic violence this 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 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 El Mirage, Arizona do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as

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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.

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor