

**CITY OF EL MIRAGE  
PROCLAMATION**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2024**

**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 rate 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** more than 52 million women and 49 million men in the United States reported experiencing any physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; 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 substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS** domestic Violence Awareness Month provides the opportunity to enhance education, prevention, and intervention efforts around domestic violence and support organizations that provide advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor of El Mirage, Arizona, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

and in recognition of the importance of this month, the City's El Mirage Cares program is hosting a Walk to End Domestic Violence on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Park, and as such I encourage all citizens of the City of El Mirage join the Walk and 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.

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Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor