



## PROCLAMATION

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2025

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a widespread epidemic affecting millions of Americans every year, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States reported experiencing any sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking victimization by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona has the fifth-highest domestic violence rate in the United States, with about 42% of women and 33% of men experiencing intimate partner physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking; and

**WHEREAS**, every 44 minutes in Arizona, one or more children witness domestic violence, contributing to severe negative effects on mental, physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral health, increased risk of substance use, physical abuse, neglect, and increased likelihood to become victims or perpetrators of intimate partner violence; and

**WHEREAS**, ending domestic violence requires the collaboration and leadership of government agencies, law enforcement, justice systems, public health officials, advocacy groups, community members, and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to promote education, prevention, and intervention efforts and support organizations that provide advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to victims and survivors of intimate partner violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor of El Mirage, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and in recognition of the importance of this month, the City's El Mirage Cares program will host a Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Resource Fair on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Park from 8-11 am, and as such I encourage all citizens of the City of El Mirage to join the walk, support the efforts of organizations working to end domestic violence, and commit to fostering safe and healthy relationships in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of El Mirage to be affixed on the 7th day of October 2025.

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Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor