



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a widespread epidemic that has devastating consequences for survivors, families, and communities, affecting an estimated 43.5 million women and 20.7 million men in the United States during their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, more than 6.7 million women and 2.8 million men in the United States reported sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking victimization by an intimate partner in a 12-month period; 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, in 2025, over a 24-hour period, Arizona domestic violence programs served 1,397 victims in need of housing and recorded 163 unmet requests for safe housing, demonstrating that housing remains the most common urgent need for survivors; 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 prevention efforts and support the organizations that provide advocacy, services, and assistance to victims and survivors of intimate partner violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor of El Mirage, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 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 17th at Gateway Park from 8:00 AM -10:30 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 6th day of October 2026.

Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor