

## Office of the Mayor



## Proclamation

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2022

**WHEREAS**, October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the city of Goodyear is committed to ending domestic violence and supporting the numerous victims who are among us; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to educate the public on the seriousness of domestic violence and the prevalence of this epidemic in our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain power and control over the other. Abuse includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, and gender. It can happen with couples who are married, living together, or dating; and

**WHEREAS**, abusers come from all walks of life and domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels; and

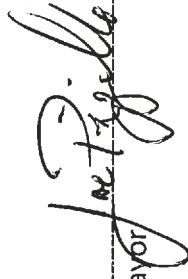
**WHEREAS**, everyone has the right to live free from domestic violence, but according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four women and nearly one in ten men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, children who live in homes in which there is domestic violence can suffer from the long-term effects of trauma from exposure to abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing domestic violence is a community responsibility, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout our society, including city officials, residents, schools and churches.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Joe Pizzillo, Mayor of the city of Goodyear, Arizona do proclaim October 2022 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**. Furthermore, I urge all citizens to become more aware of how they can prevent domestic violence by building communities where individuals flourish in safe and nurturing environments, and by working together to eliminate domestic violence in our community.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the city of Goodyear, on the third day of October, two thousand twenty-two, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Goodyear to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

