

# **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**October 2026**

## *Official Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels. Domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year. At least one in three members of our community have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, only a coordinated community effort will help put a stop to this heinous crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for our community to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kell Palguta, Mayor of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of October as:

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and urge all of our citizens to work together, with one goal in mind, to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

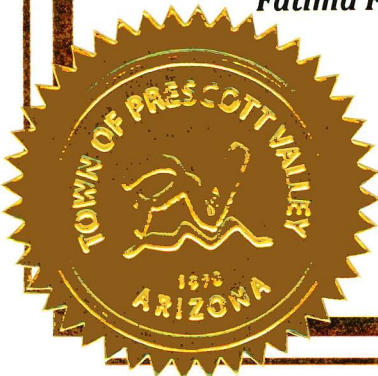
IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Prescott Valley to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2026.

Attest:

  
Fatima Fernandez, Town Clerk

Mayor:

  
Kell Palguta, Mayor



**Town of Prescott Valley**