



OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

Proclamation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October 2023

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting millions of women, men, children, and communities in the United States every year;

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, or other abusive behavior as a part of a systematic pattern of power and control by one partner against another and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 female murder victims and 1 in 20 male murder victims are killed by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, every 44 minutes in Arizona, one or more children witness domestic violence and,

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an issue affecting all Yuma residents along with all communities throughout Arizona, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and intimate partner violence can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually, and physically; violence harms the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of our communities, counties, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8,000,000 days of paid work each year, the equivalent of 32,000 full-time jobs; and

WHEREAS, twenty-four people in the United States are victims of intimate partner violence every minute; and

WHEREAS, Yuma County experienced a 22% increase in reported cases of domestic violence in 2022 and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in ten men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 42.6 percent of Arizona women and 33.4 percent of Arizona men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of children exposed to intimate partner violence had their first exposure before the age of two, and an additional 26 percent had their first exposure between the ages of two and seven; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to enhance education, prevention, and intervention efforts around domestic violence and support organizations and individuals who provide advocacy efforts, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nieves Riedel, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in recognition of victims of domestic violence and those who serve them during this month and throughout the year.

DATED this 27th day of September 2023.

Nieves Riedel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Lopez, Deputy City Clerk