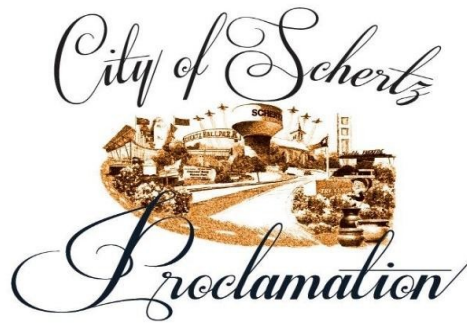




## **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community Thriving Hearts Crisis Center answered 1,675 crisis calls and provided 7,513 services to survivors from September 2025 to August 2026 and

**WHEREAS**, women are not only targets; men, young children and the elderly also are victims, and sadly, emotional scars are often permanent, and domestic violence costs United States' companies at least \$3.5 billion in lost work time, increased health care costs, higher turnover, and lower productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of Schertz, Texas**, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2026** as

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and call all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our effort to prevent domestic violence, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz to be affixed on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2026.

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Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor