A Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Ivins City, State of Utah, Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, it is a basic human right to live a life free from violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious problem that occurs in all cultures and communities and does not discriminate by age, gender, social class, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, one in three women and one in four men in Utah may experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and that 60-75% of families with intimate partner violence have children who are also impacted by the violence; and

WHEREAS, seniors are also victims of domestic and sexual violence and are part of the most under-reported group; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence-related homicides account for over 40% of homicides in Utah; and 80 Utah children will witness the murder or attempted murder of their mother every year; and

WHEREAS, awareness and intentional collaboration are required to find solutions to abuse and intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of local government to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, our police officers place themselves in harm's way by continuing our commitment to make it a top priority to provide a robust response to domestic violence incidents; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Chris Hart, Mayor of Ivins City, Utah, in partnership with the DOVE Center, do hereby proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ivins City and urge all residents to use October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to learn how we can break the silence and end domestic violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

Given under my hand and Seal of Ivins City, State of Utah

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor
September 19, 2024