PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious problem occurring in all cultures and communities regardless of age, gender, social class, race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, one in three women and one in four men in Utah will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; 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

NOW THEREFORE I, _____ Mayor of the City of _____, Utah, in partnership with DOVE Center, do hereby proclaim October as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of _____. We urge all residents to use October as ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month*** to learn how they can break the silence and end domestic violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the _____day of _____ 2025.

Seal of the City of _____ Utah _____, Mayor