

1) **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Present a Proclamation declaring the Month of October 2023 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in the City of Lake Elsinore.



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jason Simpson, City Manager

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Date: October 10, 2023

Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Recommendation

Present a Proclamation declaring the Month of October 2023 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in the City of Lake Elsinore.

Attachments

Attachment 1- Proclamation



Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects the lives of many in the City of Lake Elsinore and its impact is felt not only by the victims, but by their children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, far too many people suffer abuse at the hands of their partners and domestic violence victims can be of any age, race, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not a private family matter but a crime, the consequences of which reach with devastating effects on the communities, schools, and workplaces of our nation; and

WHEREAS, children from violent homes are physically abused or seriously neglected at a higher rate than the national average and have greater risks of substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, cognitive and developmental problems, as well as fear, anxiety, and guilt; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute; it is also known as intimate partner violence, where all behaviors are perpetrated by someone who is, was, or wishes to be involved in an intimate or dating relationship and is aimed at established control by one partner over the other; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education about domestic violence are needed as well as collaborative efforts on the part of government, health professionals, law enforcement, religious organizations, educators, and community associations to address domestic violence prevention, intervention, and treatment of victims; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elsinore, in partnership with the SAFE Family Justice Centers of Riverside County, seeks to provide protection and prevention services towards ensuring family justice through collaborative, community-based, comprehensive centers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elsinore takes the care and consideration of its residents seriously and wishes to ensure attention is paid to these victims.



NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Lake Elsinore and encourages its citizens to participate in activities that bring attention and funding to this important issue.

Natasha Johnson, Mayor