



WHEREAS, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that on average, 20 to 24 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States, and victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of 8 million days of paid work each year, and

WHEREAS, extreme jealousy, blaming, rage, control over partner spending and whereabouts, put-downs, stalking, and threats of bodily harm to a partner or partner's loved ones or even pets are often imposed on victims; and

WHEREAS, the theme for **Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2026** is: "**With Survivors, Always,**" and domestic violence intensifies over time and appears in any racial, social, economic, and gender category, and the impact of domestic violence affects not only the partner but also the family and children; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in nine female and one in 36 male high school students report having experienced sexual dating violence in the last year; and

WHEREAS, the Family Violence Prevention and Service Act is an integral part of legislation that improved our public health response to domestic violence and increased the capacity of critical services for victims; and

WHEREAS, **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month** provides an opportunity to learn more about preventing this crime and how to lend support to survivors and the organizations that offer day-to-day services such as safe shelter, food, counseling, clothing, and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **October 2026**, as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and call upon everyone to speak out against domestic violence, to support organizations that assist domestic violence victims in our community, and to help victims of these crimes find the assistance and healing that they need by sharing the 24- hour hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE), and the TTY number at 1-800-787-3224.




Marquise Ashton, Mayor

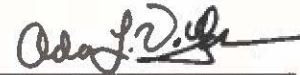

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