City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, safety, and peace; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and children of every background and circumstance; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a major public health, social justice, and human rights issue requiring particular attention, and its interventions must be with the inclusion of both women and men at all levels; and

WHEREAS, freedom from domestic violence is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence must deal with the effects of physical injuries, long term psychological damage, financial instability, and trouble finding safe housing; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence encompasses various forms of abuse not always recognizable to members of the community, nor do victims or perpetrators of domestic violence fit a particular stereotype associated with the issue; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 4 American women aged 18 and older have been the victim of physical violence by an intimate partner, and domestic violence is still the leading cause of injury to women.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Albany does hereby proclaim October, 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Peggy McQuaid, Mayor

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