

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed each October to bring attention to the epidemic of domestic violence, to honor victims and survivors, and to advocate for an end to this grave issue; and,

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pervasive problem affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, or religion, with devastating physical, emotional, and financial consequences; and,

WHEREAS, an average of 1 in 3 women in the United States will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, Hope House has been providing comprehensive services to domestic violence survivors and their families for over 40 years; and,

WHEREAS, over 6,000 hotline calls were answered by Hope House in 2023; and,

WHEREAS, by working together, we can increase awareness of domestic violence, support survivors, and promote healthy relationships based on respect and equality for all individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Baird, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this 24th day of September 2024.

MAYOR WILLIAM A. BAIRD