

City of Albany
Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2018**

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

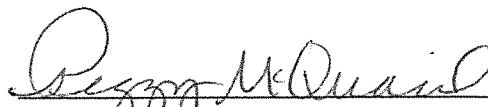
WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a major public health, social justice, and human rights issue requiring particular attention, and its interventions must be with the inclusion of both women and men at all levels; and

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

WHEREAS, 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Albany City Council hereby recognizes the month of October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Albany.


PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR