

City of Albany
Proclamation

**IN HONOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2019**

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, domestic violence is still the leading cause of injury to women; and


WHEREAS, one in three women and one in seven men in the United States are impacted by domestic violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 4.7% of victims disclosed the use or threat of firearms in 2018, a 1.1% increase over 2017; and

WHEREAS, victims experiencing threats related to immigration status are often afraid to report abuse to due fears of detention and deportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Council of the City of Albany do hereby proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Dated: October 7, 2019


Rochelle Nason, Mayor