

City of Albany

Proclamation

**IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
October 2022**

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, every year millions of children are exposed to domestic violence which has long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Albany.

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PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR