

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION 2024

**Whereas**, domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across Midway City, Wasatch County, Utah, the United States, and the world with implications for personal and community health; and

**Whereas**, domestic violence does not discriminate, touching all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity or socioeconomic status; and

**Whereas**, in Utah, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men are physically abused by an intimate partner; and

**Whereas**, in Utah, 42% of adult homicides are domestic violence-related; and

**Whereas**, in FY 24 Peace House had a 94% increase in individuals from Wasatch County seeking support and services; and

**Whereas**, Peace House, provided 13 citizens of Midway City life-saving and life-changing services including emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal advocacy, case management, clinical counseling, healthcare and child advocacy services; and

**Whereas**, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another, there are fewer incidents of domestic violence; and

**Whereas**, every day in Midway City individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, by providing services including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services; and

**NOW**, Therefore Be It Resolved that Midway City Mayor Celeste Johnson and the Midway City Council on behalf of all residents of Midway City does hereby proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We invite the community to take action by acknowledging the various community resources and activities that help shed light on this insidious epidemic that so many of our friends, families, and community members experience.

We ask that you **“Be the Light”** in dark times for those individuals by highlighting their strength, hope and resiliency. Together, we can make a difference and **“Spark Change”** in Midway City and Wasatch County.

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Midway City Mayor