## Proclamation

WHEREAS, Approximately 36.5% of women and 27.1% of men in Arizona experience some form of domestic violence from an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Arizona consistently ranks among the top states with the highest homicide rates of women murdered by men; and

WHEREAS, between 2009 and 2023, there were 1,543 domestic violence-related deaths in Arizona: and

WHEREAS, in 2023, The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) documented 84 known domestic violence-related fatalities across Arizona: and

WHEREAS, Individuals who witnessed intimate partner violence as children are 2 times more likely to become either victims or perpetrators of intimate partner violence in the future; and

WHEREAS, over 30% of Arizonan children witness domestic violence, and approximately 1 in 15 children in the U.S. are exposed to it annually; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts everyone regardless of race, sex, economic background. occupation or religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, each year October provides an opportunity for all of us to recommit ourselves to support the development of healthy, respectful, and nonviolent relationships, reducing the occurrence of domestic violence to prevent its harmful, long-lasting effects on our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Stanton, Mayor of the Town of Paradise Valley, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as

## "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

in Paradise Valley and urge all residents to become aware of the tragedy of domestic violence and support community efforts to end domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the

Town of Paradise Valley this 9th day of October, 2025.

Mark Stanton, Mayor

Attest: