



Office of the Mayor
and Council

Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an issue affecting all Americans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men in the United States has experienced domestic violence, and according to the 2014 Arizona Youth Survey, 10.7 percent of high school students reported being hit, slapped, pushed, shoved, kicked or any other way physically assaulted by their boyfriend or girlfriend; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who have the courage to leave the hostile home environment face poverty, unemployment, homelessness and even death at the hands of the abuser as a result of leaving; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officials, shelters, hotline services, health care providers, members of the clergy and concerned citizens can help to end domestic violence through education, prevention, and intervention in an effort to increase public awareness, mobilize community action, and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Collins, Mayor of the Town of Paradise Valley, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Town of Paradise Valley this 28th day of September, 2017.

Michael Collins, Mayor

Attest:

Duncan Miller, Town Clerk



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