

# **TOWN** *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



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## **STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Mayor Stanton and Town Council Members

**FROM:** Andrew B. Ching, Town Manager  
Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

**DATE:** October 9, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Manager  
Duncan Miller, 480-348-3610

**AGENDA TITLE:**  
**Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

First observed in October 1987, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is focused on three key themes:

- Mourning those who have died because of domestic violence
- Celebrating those who have survived
- Connecting those who work to end violence

This year the Town is recognizing the important work done by Victim Advocates in Arizona. A Victim Advocate is a person who assists victims throughout the criminal process, providing information, support, and resources, help with protective orders, help with submitting Victim Impact Statements and Restitution information, and generally guiding victims through every stage of a case.

Melissa Dodge has served as the Town's Victim Advocate for three years. She is the first person to hold this position with the Town and has built the program into a well-respected resource for those needing assistance navigating the criminal justice system.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**  
A. Staff Report  
B. Proclamation