

Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence service providers, domestic violence first responders, and other individuals in the United States observe the month of October 2021, as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in order to increase awareness in the United States about the issue of domestic violence;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that each year approximately 12,673,000 individuals in the United States are victims of intimate partner violence, including physical violence, rape or stalking;

WHEREAS, personal safety and economic security are often inextricably linked for victims of domestic violence, according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence;

WHEREAS, 1 in 11 women and 1 in 21 men who have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner missed work or school as a result of the abuse;

WHEREAS, research shows that households in which children are abused or neglected are likely to have a higher rate of intimate partner violence;

WHEREAS, millions of children are exposed to domestic violence each year;

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence experience immediate and long-term negative outcomes, including detrimental effects on mental and physical health;

WHEREAS, crisis hotlines serving domestic violence operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and offer important crisis intervention, support, information, and referrals for victims; and

WHEREAS, individuals and organizations that are dedicated to preventing and ending domestic violence should be recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor of the Town of Paradise Valley, do hereby proclaim October 2021 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 28th day of October, 2021.

Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor

Attest:

Duncan Miller, Town Clerk