



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Collins and Town Council Members

FROM: Brian Dalke, Town Manager
Peter Wingert, Chief of Police

DATE: October 11, 2018

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

AGENDA TITLE:

Proclaim October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Safety is paramount to creating a feeling of community within Paradise Valley. Being aware of threats is a way to maintain personal safety. Domestic Violence Awareness Month brings a spotlight to a topic which is generally not discussed. Studies estimate that only half of incidents are reported. Bringing social awareness to the topic provides conversation, which supports the victim and can increase the reporting to law enforcement.

Council Goals or Statutory Requirements:

Agenda Item Relates to Mission/Vision:

- Provides high quality public services to a community which values limited government.

Strategic Initiative:

- Continuously provide high quality public safety services for Town residents and visitors.

RECOMMENDATION:

Proclaim October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

October 2018 is the 31st anniversary of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). 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

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981, conceived of by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to connect advocates across the country. The Day of Unity is still celebrated on the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

-Adapted from the *1996 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Manual* of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to proclaiming October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Month