

City of Highland Park Mayoral Proclamation



Recognizing

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion and violence to gain power and control over his or her partner; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels – Highland Park residents are not immune; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, nearly one in four women and one in seven men will be a victim of domestic abuse at some point during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, too often, children that grow up in violent homes have lifelong repercussions from the emotional and physical trauma of experiencing or witnessing domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this crime; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the subtle signs of domestic abuse, how to support someone in an abusive relationship and find out where to get help if needed; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is represented by the color purple. Like the purple heart medal, the color is meant to be a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NANCY R. ROTERING, Mayor of the City of Highland Park, do hereby proclaim

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

and urge the citizens to wear purple and work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2021.


Ghida S. Neukirch, City Clerk


Nancy R. Rotering, Mayor

