PROCLAMATION

October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse;

WHEREAS, domestic violence leaves an imprint of fear and hostility;

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, and social barriers, thereby affecting society as a whole;

WHEREAS, in the City of Garden Grove, adults and children are victims of violence each year;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our own homes;

WHEREAS, City of Garden Grove City is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council herby proclaims the month of October 2020 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and urges all citizens, agencies, and businesses to work together as a team in our community through prevention, intervention and education programs to end domestic violence forever.