

PROCLAMATION

October 2021 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 one group, but cross all economic, racial, 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, during the COVID-19 pandemic, domestic violence has been exacerbated with many victims faced with the added pressure of increased economic insecurity, increased time in isolation with their abusers, and limited contact with support networks;

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our own homes and 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 City of Garden Grove City Council hereby proclaims the month of October 2021 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.

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