



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects over twelve million Americans of all races, ages, gender, and income levels each year; and

Whereas, one in three women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime; and

Whereas, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults; and

Whereas, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, and inflicts untold emotional trauma to the entire family; and

Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent 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;

Now, therefore, I, Ardashes Kassakhian, Mayor of the City of Glendale, proclaim the month of October 2022, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and urge citizens of Glendale to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian, Mayor
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