



PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, too many individuals – regardless of age, sex, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion, or circumstance – face the pain and fear of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the impacts on victims who experience domestic violence often include fear, concern for safety, post-traumatic stress symptoms, inability to attend school or work, injury, the need for housing, victim advocacy, and legal services, emotional trauma, and, in some cases, permanent disability or death; and

WHEREAS, the perpetrators of domestic violence not only violate the rights of their victims, but also endanger children, traumatize families, and undermine the economic stability, safety, and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, a great deal of domestic violence incidents go unreported by survivors who experience fear of repercussions, threats of further violence, denial, guilt, shame, feelings of worthlessness, and/or fear of negative responses; and

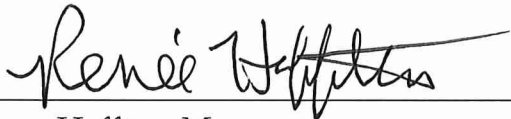
WHEREAS, the City of Rockford encourages citizens to raise awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence, foster supportive communities where all people feel safe in all aspects of their lives, and help survivors recover, heal, seek justice, and thrive; and

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

WHEREAS, Rockford joins with others across Minnesota and the Nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, sharing the worthy goals of this month-long observance, and supporting the work of public and private entities that strive to provide the best coordinated response to domestic violence in communities across this state, sending a loud and clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Rockford.

NOW, THEREFORE WE, Mayor Hafften and the Rockford City Council do hereby call upon all citizens of Rockford to join us in declaring October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

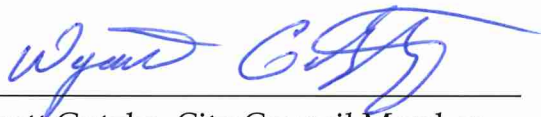
FURTHER, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, WE, Mayor Hafften, and the Rockford City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



Renee Hafften, Mayor



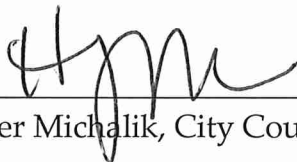
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