



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2023

- Whereas:** homes should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security. The family is the foundation of a safe and healthy community, and it is a goal of this administration for communities to be safe; and
- Whereas:** domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute, and the problem affects all citizens of Georgia crossing all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographic, and economic groups; and
- Whereas:** millions of Americans face physical and emotional abuse at the hands of their significant other each year; and
- Whereas:** in a lifetime, one in four women and one in seven men experience severe violence at the hands of an intimate partner; and
- Whereas:** organizations like LiveSafe Resources are committed to providing safety and healing to those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault within our community by providing emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, legal advocacy, a 24-hour crisis line and many other services to empower those we serve to rebuild their lives. By raising awareness and fostering support, LiveSafe Resources is dedicated to building a community free from domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse; and,
- Whereas:** organizations across Georgia are working to end domestic violence and provide the support survivors need to find their voice, while law enforcement remains committed to ensuring justice is served to individuals who harm those who trust them; Now,
- Therefore:** I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end, and participating in community efforts.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 16th day of October in the year of Our Lord 2023.



Derek Norton

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