

PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in three women and one in four men in the United States have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and,

WHEREAS, in just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters, and more than 9,000 requests for services could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and,

WHEREAS, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism, and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality, or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and,

WHEREAS, victims may blame themselves for abuse, and within a small community such as Moab, speculation and gossip may lead to victim blaming, thus compounding the pain and creating additional obstacles for victims to find healing and independence.

NOW, therefore, I, Mayor Emily S. Niehaus, and the City of Moab proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge the citizens of Moab to eliminate domestic violence from our community; and,

TO say No More to victim blaming, ignorance, and silence; and,

TO reaffirm our dedication to recognizing the signs of domestic violence, and to offer compassion, assistance and resources to those who suffer;

THAT we may forge a city where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes – and to commit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse.

CITY OF
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EMILY S. NIEHAUS, MAYOR

OCTOBER 9, 2019

SOMMAR JOHNSON, CITY RECORDER

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