



Legislation Text

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To declare October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Columbus, and to recognize Ohio Women Against Domestic Violence for their ongoing efforts to raise awareness for domestic violence prevention.

WHEREAS, Domestic violence impacts men, women and children of every age, background, and belief -nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have suffered abuse from an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1 in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence and 1/3 of female homicides result from domestic violence committed by an intimate partner - in 2020 there were more than 15,259 domestic violence calls in Columbus and Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Data from the CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) indicates that: domestic violence can be diminished by educating and empowering communities to develop and maintain healthy relationship skills; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Women Against Domestic Violence will host an inaugural survivor walk on October 29 where they plan to launch The Purple Peacock Project and declare October 29 National Purple Day; and

WHEREAS, National Purple Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about Domestic Violence, an issue that affects thousands of individuals and families in Columbus and across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, National Purple Day not only raises awareness of Domestic Violence, but it is also a demonstration of solidarity and support for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, By educating communities on the necessity of developing and maintaining healthy relationships, and offering supportive resources through their community-based networks, Ohio Women Against Domestic Violence along with community advocates will provide a beacon of hope for those currently in abusive relationships, and act as an inspiration to others who are committed to preventing domestic violence, now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby, recognize October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Columbus and applaud Ohio Women Against Domestic Violence on their ongoing efforts to raise awareness for domestic violence prevention.