

Domestic Violence Awareness Month PROCLAMATION

TO THE PEOPLE KINGMAN GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, domestic violence (DV) is a widespread, preventable, public health problem impacting all demographics of Kansans, Kansas communities, and residents of Kingman; and

WHEREAS, relationships are often counted as life's greatest treasures, and tragically, many are tarnished by one person's entitlement to power and control over the other, resulting in violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, DV abusers violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity - with their intentional, systematic use of financial, psychological, sexual, physical, and coercive control and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports about 1 in 3 (36.4%) American women and 1 in 3 (33.3%) American men experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; yet only 1 in 4 (24%) American women and 1 in 10 (10.6%) American men experienced DV and also reported some form of related impact from inflictions; and

WHEREAS, the above CDC statistic of 1 in 3 people who experienced this violence translates to a third, or 1 in 3 Kansans, amounting to over 1 million people and 35% of the Kansas population; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice reports DV homicides comprise 14% percent of all homicides in the U.S. and that women are more than twice as likely as men to be killed by an intimate partner; and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation reports DV homicides were 25% of all homicides in Kansas in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in Kansas in 2018, one DV arrest was made by law enforcement every 43 minutes, one DV incident occurred every 21 minutes, and one DV murder occurred every 9 days; and

WHEREAS, we as the governing body of Kingman recognize this violence is inconsistent with Kingman values and cannot be tolerated; and

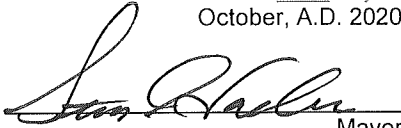
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stan Hacker, MAYOR OF Kingman do hereby proclaim October 2020, as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

And I call this observance to the attention of all in Kingman.

DONE:

This 8th day of
October, A.D. 2020



Mayor

Stan Hacker, Mayor
