



*The Council of the
City of Albuquerque*

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WHEREAS, October is declared as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month as a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors, providing a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another including physical violence, sexual violence, threats, economic, and emotional/psychological abuse; and

WHEREAS, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States which equates to more than 10 million women and men in one year; and

WHEREAS, physical, mental, and sexual and reproductive health effects have been linked with intimate partner violence including adolescent and unintended pregnancy, miscarriage, nutritional deficiency, neurological disorders, chronic pain, disability, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder while also having a higher risk for developing addictions to alcohol, tobacco, or drugs; and

WHEREAS, 37.6% of New Mexican women and 33.3% of New Mexican men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes

WHEREAS, more than four in five Native women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, these behaviors by those who cause harm are learned behaviors, and have been intensified by acts of colonization and the imposition of patriarchy and foreign belief systems on Native peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women is committed to the ongoing healing of ourselves, our communities, and our lands, and

WHEREAS, Indigenous women and girls face complex and intersectional forms of violence, linked to patriarchal structures, racial and ethnic discrimination and mutually connected types of human rights violations at times perpetrated by State agents, including forced sterilizations, disproportionately high rates of trafficking, sexual violence, forced labor, forced disappearance, and other forms of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women strives to end domestic violence so that we will honor natural life-supporting power that includes: economic partnership, negotiations and fairness, non-threatening behavior, respect, trust & support, honesty & accountability, responsible parenting, shared responsibility, sexual respect, partnership, cultural respect and spiritual reflections, and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque's increased awareness of domestic violence will support critical services for prevention and assistance and encourage citizens to report abuse and seek out help

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, HEREBY RECOGNIZES OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND ENCOURAGES CITIZEN ADVOCACY FOR SURVIVORS

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