

A Proclamation

Whereas Individuals and communities are committed to working towards a society free of domestic violence; and

Whereas Domestic violence, which can be physical, sexual, emotional or economic abuse, does not discriminate based on gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

Whereas Studies show that children are adversely affected when they witness or experience violence in their homes; and

Whereas The fear of retribution and feelings of guilt and self-blame often prevent victims from seeking services for themselves or leaving abusive relationships; and

Whereas The effects of domestic violence can be tremendously damaging. People who experience domestic violence often experience short and long term health impacts including frequent headaches, chronic pain, difficulty with sleeping, activity limitations, poor physical health and poor mental health; and

Whereas Black, Indigenous and people of color, transgender people, and people with disabilities, including those who are deaf, are experiencing significantly higher rates of victimization than other people; and

Whereas Through public awareness, the cities of Newburyport and Amesbury and the town of Salisbury seeks to support survivors and promote safe and healthy relationships and communities among all our citizens,

Now, Therefore, we, Cassandra Gove, Mayor of the City of Amesbury, Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager of the Town of Salisbury, and Sean Reardon, Mayor of the City of Newburyport, in the year of the 35th anniversary of Domestic Violence Awareness Month do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022, to be,

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of these communities to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Walk Against Domestic Violence in Newburyport, this second Day of October, in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

NEIL J. HARRINGTON
TOWN MANAGER OF THE TOWN OF SALISBURY

SEAN REARDON
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

KASSANDRA GOVE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AMESBURY