



Legislation Text

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Declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

WHEREAS the City Council of Saint Paul, Minnesota recognizes that living free from domestic violence is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS domestic violence affects women, children and men of all races, sexual orientations and identities, spiritual beliefs, ages, educational backgrounds and economic conditions; and

WHEREAS domestic violence involves physical, sexual, psychological and economic abuse, intimidation and isolation; and

WHEREAS domestic violence is a pattern of abuse used by a person to control and oppress another, and one in four women are beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood; and

WHEREAS in 2018, at least fourteen Minnesotans lost their lives as a result of domestic violence; and more than half were killed with firearms; and

WHEREAS in the past ten years an estimated 80% of the women murdered in Minnesota died due to domestic violence and in the past thirty years in an estimated 22% of the domestic homicide cases, children witnessed the murder of their parent; and

WHEREAS the City of Saint Paul, - from being home of the first domestic violence shelter in the nation and birthplace of the national Blueprint for Safety, to the creation of Bridges to Safety Victim Service Center and a multidisciplinary model to prevent the use of firearms to intimidate and harm victims, - is recognized as a national leader in ensuring all victims and their children are safe and dangerous perpetrators are held accountable for their violence; and

WHEREAS we as a community, from our first responders, community-based domestic violence programs, justice system workers, medical providers, educators, government systems, faith communities, businesses and community leaders and members, must continue our unified groundbreaking work, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Saint Paul City Council declares October 2019 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that in partnership with the St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, a "Purple" flag will be hung in Council Chambers during the month of October, to honor domestic violence victims and the countless courageous survivors who share their stories in seeking justice and change, and to signify our continued commitment as a community to end domestic violence and safeguard the human rights of all.