



# Mayor's Proclamation

**Whereas,** the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly.

**Whereas,** the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

**Whereas,** the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

**Whereas,** it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

**Now therefore,** in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, I, Thomas Kuntz, Mayor of the City of Owatonna do hereby proclaim the month of October to be

## ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

and urge all Owatonna citizens to actively participate in the activities and programs that work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

Dated: October 3, 2023

Signed:   
Thomas A. Kuntz, Mayor, City of Owatonna

