

Mayor Christian Price

Whereas, domestic violence is prevalent throughout the region, and more than 86 people lost their lives due to domestic violence in Arizona in 2018, and 32 deaths in 2019 occurring within the Maricopa Association of Governments region; and

Whereas, every 44 minutes in Arizona, one or more children witness domestic violence, and up to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse their children, according to an Arizona Department of Health Services report; and

Whereas, 71% of domestic violence victims report their abuser has also targeted their pets; and

Whereas, the trauma and suffering caused by domestic violence destroys families, threatens the safety of neighborhoods, and weakens the ability of communities to thrive; and

Whereas, the City of Maricopa works collaboratively with community agencies to effectively address, prevent, and eradicate domestic violence; and

Whereas, the City of Maricopa is dedicated to ensuring the safety of domestic violence survivors and holding abusers accountable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Price, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2019, as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Maricopa.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2019

Christian Price, Mayor