

Mayor Christian Price

Whereas, all Arizonans are affected by domestic violence directly or indirectly, with more than one million victims seeking medical assistance for injuries caused by battering; and

Whereas, one (1) in four (4) women and one (1) in seven (7) men aged eighteen (18) and older in the United States have been the victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

Whereas, an estimated thirty (30) to sixty (60) percent of the families where either domestic violence or child maltreatment is identified, it is likely that both forms of abuse exist. Studies show that for victims who experience severe forms of domestic violence, their children also are in danger of suffering serious physical harm; and

Whereas, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people but across all economic, racial, affectional preference, and societal barriers; and

Whereas, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age; and

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systemic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

Whereas, battered women have been in the forefront in efforts to bring peace and equality to the home; and

Whereas, this community recognizes the vital importance of increasing the general public's awareness and support of agencies providing services to domestic violence victims and perpetrators; and

Whereas, we hold forth a vision of a community free from domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Price, Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2014, as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Maricopa.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2014

Christian Price, Mayor