

## Mayor Christian Price

**Whereas**, domestic violence is prevalent throughout the Maricopa City and the State, and more than 96 people lost their lives due to domestic violence in Arizona in 2019, and 73 deaths in 2020 through August 31st occurring within the State of Arizona; and

**Whereas**, the Maricopa Police Department, Victim Services Unit and Maricopa Family Advocacy Center assisted 488 distinct victims of domestic and family violence in 2019 in the City of Maricopa; 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, 2020 as “**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**” in the City of Maricopa.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

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Christian Price, Mayor