

P CITY OF MENIFEE **ROCLAMATION**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2023

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects the lives of many in the City of Menifee and its impact is felt not only by the victims, but their children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, far too many people suffer abuse at the hands of their partners and domestic violence victims can be of any age, race, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not a private family matter but a crime, the consequences of which reach with devastating effect on the communities, schools, and workplaces of our nation; and

WHEREAS, children from violent homes are physically abused or seriously neglected at a higher rate than the national average and have greater risks of substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, cognitive and developmental problems, as well as fear, anxiety, and guilt; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute, it is also known as intimate partner violence, where all behaviors are perpetrated by someone who is, was, or wishes to be involved in an intimate or dating relationship, and are aimed at established control by one partner over the other; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education about domestic violence are needed as well as collaborative efforts on the part of government, health professionals, law enforcement, religious organizations, educators, and community associations to address domestic violence prevention, intervention, and treatment of victims; and


WHEREAS, the City of Menifee in partnership with the SAFE Family Justice Centers of Riverside County seek to provide protection and prevention services towards ensuring family justice through collaborative, community based, comprehensive centers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menifee takes care and consideration of its residents seriously and wishes to ensure attention is paid to these victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Mayor Bill Zimmerman, on behalf of the Menifee City Council do hereby proclaim October 2023 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in the City of Menifee. I encourage all citizens to participate in activities that bring attention and funding to this important issue.

Dated this 4th day of October 2023.




BILL ZIMMERMAN, MAYOR