# Proclamation

## Office of the Mayor

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

***Whereas,*** Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically; and

***Whereas,*** the City of Sunrise community is one of our most precious resources and ensuring their safety, well-being and positive development is a priority and a responsibility that that we all share; and

***Whereas,*** domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting millions of women, men, children and communities in the United States every year and children who witness domestic violence are also profoundly affected, with a higher risk of repeating cycles of violence and suffering long-term emotional and psychological consequences; and

***Whereas,*** everyone deserves a life free from the threat of physical and psychological harm. Tragically, far too many are deprived of this right by perpetrators of domestic violence; and

***Whereas,*** an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States, totaling more than 12 million women and men each year and nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, often resulting in devastating effects on their health, safety, and overall well-being; and

***Whereas,*** domestic violence can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually and physically; violence harms the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of our community; and

***Whereas,*** we must demonstrate with our words and actions that domestic violence will not be tolerated. We must continue to build alliances among our community that will strengthen our families and hold offenders accountable for their crimes; and

***Whereas,*** residents and businesses in the City of Sunrise are encouraged to promote the 2024 Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign theme, "With Survivors, Always" which emphasizes partnership with survivors to ensure their safety, support, and solidarity.

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida together with the City Commission hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Sunrise and encourage all residents and businesses to stand together against domestic violence by offering support to those in need, by seeking assistance if they, or others they know are being harmed and by recognizing the efforts of those who work to extend hope and healing to the survivors and victims of domestic violence.

Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor