

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, Domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence, is a pattern of behaviors used by one person to gain or maintain power and control over another person in an intimate relationship and may include physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, psychological aggression, threats, intimidation, and other abusive behaviors; and

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

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive public health and community concern affecting individuals and families across the United States, regardless of age, gender, race, economic status, or background; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one in three women and more than one in six men in the United States have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetimes, demonstrating the widespread impact of intimate partner violence on individuals, families, and communities; and

Whereas, domestic violence can result in serious and lasting consequences, including physical injury, emotional and psychological trauma, fear for personal safety, disruption to work and education, and other long-term health effects; and

Whereas, children who witness or experience violence in the home may also suffer lasting emotional, behavioral, and developmental consequences, underscoring the importance of creating safe and supportive homes and communities for children and families; and

Whereas, everyone deserves to live free from violence, intimidation, abuse, and the threat of harm, and survivors deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and support as they seek safety and healing; and

Whereas, preventing domestic violence requires a community-wide commitment involving residents, families, schools, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, social service organizations, advocates, businesses, and community leaders working together to promote healthy relationships, increase awareness, support survivors, and hold offenders accountable; and

Whereas, the City of Sunrise recognizes the courage and strength of survivors of domestic violence, honors those whose lives have been impacted or lost as a result of domestic violence, and acknowledges the dedicated advocates, organizations, and professionals who work every day to provide safety, resources, education, and support to those affected; and

Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, observed each October, provides an opportunity to educate our community, raise awareness, encourage individuals to recognize the signs of abuse, and promote resources that can help individuals and families affected by domestic violence; and

Whereas, the residents and businesses of the City of Sunrise are encouraged to participate in Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities, promote awareness and education, support survivors, and work together to build a community where every individual can live safely, with dignity and free from violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida together with the City Commission hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 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

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor

