



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Colorado law defines domestic violence as: “an act or threatened act of violence upon a person with whom the actor is or has been involved in an intimate relationship.” and

WHEREAS, across our state and our nation, one in four women and one in seven men suffer at the hands of someone who is supposed to love them and more than 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, almost half of all murders in Colorado are committed by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to prevent domestic violence, hold perpetrators accountable for their actions, support survivors and bring hope and healing to those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, 432 Domestic Violence related cases were reported to Police Services, and the state law was used as the basis for charges 410 times; and

WHEREAS, in Fort Collins, Crossroads Safehouse shelters over 500 individuals for 16,000 nights of safety and shelter annually. Additionally, over 2,000 men, women and children receive individual and group advocacy and over 3,000 individuals are reached through educational presentations; and

WHEREAS, many of our local nonprofit agencies, like Crossroads Safehouse, and their volunteers offer critical assistance and support to victims in need. Victims and their children receive potentially lifesaving crisis intervention and shelter, food, clothing, advocacy and counseling, longer-term housing options, and legal resources, as well as referral and other supportive services to rebuild their lives free from violence and abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the city of Fort Collins and ask the citizens of this community to help raise awareness about how to prevent, recognize, and stop domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2017.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk