CITY OF PASADENA

PROCLAMATION

Whereas with nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in our country having suffered physical violence by an intimate partner, domestic violence impacts people of every age, ethnicity, nationality, economic status, and belief, with victims being deprived of their autonomy and security, facing threats to their health and safety and, in many instances, finding themselves left with significant financial insecurity; and

Whereas crimes like domestic violence inhibit our community from reaching its fullest potential and, although great progress in bringing awareness to and providing protections against domestic violence has been made, much work remains; and

Whereas the Pasadena City Prosecutor’s Office has re-doubled its efforts to address disturbing statistics regarding domestic violence and has, among other enhancements, maintained increased staffing levels in the domestic violence courtroom in the Pasadena Courthouse, distributed a domestic violence resource guide for victims and the community, advocated for tougher sentences on domestic violence cases, and partnered with the Pasadena Police Department and local domestic violence service providers such as Shepherd’s Door to ensure that victims of domestic violence do not experience further harassment or abuse; and

Whereas the City reaffirms its dedication to providing a community where no one suffers the pain and hardship caused by domestic violence, and recognizes the advocates, victim service providers and organizations who work tirelessly to prevent domestic violence and extend hope and healing to survivors and victims of domestic violence;

Now, Therefore I, Terry O’Mek, Mayor of the City of Pasadena, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October, 2018 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

urging that we rededicate ourselves to upholding the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, and encouraging all people in need of assistance to call Shepherd’s Door at (626) 765-9967, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799 SAFE or visit thehotline.org

Mayor of the City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Dated this 15th day of October, 2018