

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pervasive and devastating crime that affects individuals and families of all races, backgrounds, and socioeconomic statuses, and its impact extends throughout our community; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence can take many forms, including physical, emotional, psychological, and financial abuse, and it often goes unnoticed or unreported, leaving victims suffering in silence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence can have long-lasting and far-reaching consequences, including physical injuries, mental health issues, and even loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for our community to come together to raise awareness about domestic violence, support survivors, and work towards its prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the importance of empowering survivors of domestic violence by providing access to resources, support services, legal assistance, and confidential safe shelter options; and

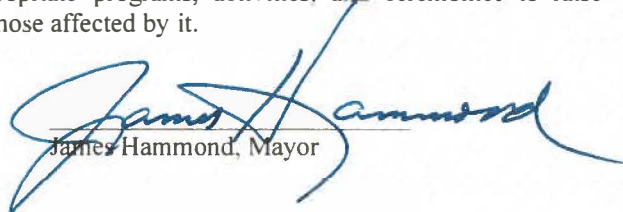
**WHEREAS**, domestic violence organizations, advocates, law enforcement, and concerned citizens play a critical role in combating domestic violence and promoting healthy relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is committed to taking a stand against domestic violence and working towards creating a safer and more compassionate environment for all residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I JAMES HAMMOND**, Mayor of the City of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2023 as:

### ***"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Coeur d'Alene to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2023, and call upon all residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to raise awareness about domestic violence and support those affected by it.

  
James Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Renata McLeod, City Clerk

