

**Proclamation**  
**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
**October, 2023**

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, Vic Holmes, Mayor of Rathdrum, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in our city 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of Post Falls to be affixed this 11th day of October 2023.

  
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Vic Holmes, Mayor  
City of Rathdrum