

# Proclamation

## CITY OF RACINE, WISCONSIN

**Whereas,** National Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness about domestic violence, promote prevention efforts, support survivors, and break the cycle of this devastating but common issue; and

**Whereas,** the pain inflicted by abusers – who are often supported by silence or indifference – not only harms individuals but also tears at the fabric of families and communities, perpetuating generational abuse and trauma; and

**Whereas,** domestic violence, which impacts all areas of society, violates an individual's dignity, security, and humanity through one or more types of abuse that may include physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and economic; and

**Whereas,** historically underserved populations including LGBTQI+ people, persons with disabilities, immigrants, and racial and ethnic minorities face some of the highest rates of domestic violence, often with little access to safety and support; and

**Whereas,** community organizations, advocates, law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and countless others work tirelessly to provide support, resources, and education to those affected by domestic violence; and

**Whereas:** the third Thursday of October is known as 'Purple Thursday', and is a day to show support for domestic violence survivors by wearing purple. By bringing attention to domestic violence, we can challenge harmful attitudes and behaviors and work toward preventing domestic violence in all its forms.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Cory Mason, Mayor of the City of Racine, do hereby proclaim October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, and Thursday, October 19th as **Wear Purple Day**, and urge all residents to come together against Domestic Violence.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Racine to be affixed.

Accomplished at the City Hall  
this 16th day of October, 2023.

---

Mayor