



Armondo Pavone Mayor

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

*Whereas*, it has been estimated that every nine seconds a woman is beaten by her husband or boyfriend in this country and, in more than half of those instances, children under the age of 12 are present; and

*Whereas*, more than half of abusers responsible for domestic violence related fatal shootings were prohibited by law from owning firearms; and

*Whereas*, domestic violence does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers and is sustained by indifference; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton is working to improve the overall response to and the reduction of domestic violence in our region with awareness to the cultural differences in our community; and

*Whereas*, as our Nation continues to combat the coronavirus pandemic, domestic violence has increased and the need for services has been limited; and

*Whereas*, domestic violence is one of the most dangerous calls for law enforcement and the safety of those involved along with the community is a critical situation; and

*Whereas*, October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be

## *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage everyone in our community to take an active role in supporting all victims so they can lead healthy lives safe from violent and abusive behavior.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 5th day of October, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

