

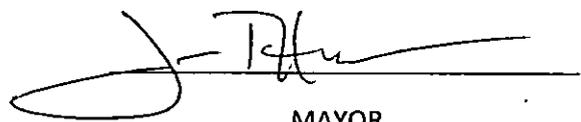
PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH WHEREAS, The physical and emotional scars of domestic violence can cast a long shadow. Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and.

WHEREAS, During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we shine a light on this violation of the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, pledge to ensure every victim of domestic violence knows they are not alone, and foster supportive communities that help survivors seek justice and enjoy full and healthy lives. Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Coolidge, Arizona, in concert with the Coolidge Police Department, the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge the citizens of Coolidge to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Signed and attested this 9th day of October, 2017



MAYOR

Attest:



City Clerk

