

Proclamation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread, and in the United States, an average of 20 people experience intimate partner physical violence every minute, which equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, despite tremendous progress, an average of three women in America die as a result of domestic violence each day, and one in four women and one in nine men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; 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, families are indispensable to a stable society and should be a place of support to install responsibility and values in the next generation; and

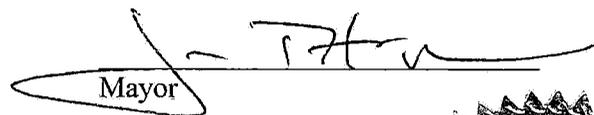
WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, 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, I, Jon Thompson, Mayor of the City of Coolidge, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and urge the citizens of Coolidge to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 12th day of October, 2020.


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

