

## PROCLAMATION

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2022



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

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, and societal barriers and are more prevalent than most realize with over 63,000 domestic offenses were reported by police departments here in New Jersey last year; it is reported that one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging and inclusive, directly affecting society as a whole and prevention is essential to ending this harmful cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence exhibit remarkable strength, courage, and resilience, but still face significant barriers in escaping abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's campaign theme, **#Every1KnowsSome1** highlights how common domestic violence is and that it is more than physical violence; and

**WHEREAS**, October 20<sup>th</sup> is **Purple Thursday**, a National Day of Action each October, we wear **purple** to raise awareness about domestic violence and an easy way for people to show their commitment to promoting healthy relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, advocacy networks in Somerset County such as Safe + Sound Somerset and across the State, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline have worked and will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of victims, and they remain dedicated to providing a voice for victims and families, while increasing awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a time to remember and honor all victims, raise awareness to help prevent domestic violence and to recognize and celebrate of all advocacy groups and networks.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Richard M. Onderko, Mayor of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey along with the Borough Council do hereby proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Borough of Manville.

Borough of Manville

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