



PROCLAMATION:  
BY MAYOR BART CASTLEBERRY  
CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 2020

**WHEREAS,** in just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 9,000 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs;

**WHEREAS,** the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

**WHEREAS,** the need for safe house continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Conway joins with others across Arkansas and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Conway;

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Bart Castleberry, Mayor of Conway,** do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020, as:

**“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”**

*Furthermore, In the City of Conway in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by S.T.O.P DV and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence.*

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2020

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Mayor Bart Castleberry