



THE CITY OF FIRCREST

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime that affects all races, ages, genders, and socioeconomic backgrounds, with lasting impacts on survivors, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes physical, emotional, sexual, financial, and psychological abuse, disrupting the safety, health, and well-being of survivors and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor the strength and resilience of survivors, remember those whose lives have been lost to domestic violence, and reaffirm our collective commitment to preventing abuse and supporting those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign, "With Survivors, Always," calls upon communities to move from awareness to action and to stand with survivors by listening to and uplifting their voices, ensuring access to resources and services, promoting healthy and respectful relationships, holding offenders accountable, and working together to remove barriers to safety and healing through support, solidarity, and meaningful action; and

WHEREAS, advocates, shelter staff, law enforcement officers, healthcare professionals, legal service providers, and community members work throughout the year to provide critical services, including trauma-informed care, safety planning, shelter, advocacy, and other resources for survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, ending domestic violence requires collective action to challenge attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate abuse, support survivors without judgment, and foster a community where everyone can live free from violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, October 2026 marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month, offering our community an opportunity to stand in solidarity with survivors, promote prevention and healthy relationships, and raise awareness of life-saving resources, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Fircrest and encourage all residents to learn the signs of abuse, support survivors and local prevention efforts, and join together in moving from awareness to action. We stand with survivors – always – and reaffirm our commitment to a community where everyone deserves safety, support, and respect.

Proclaimed this 22nd day of September 2026.

Nikki Bufford, Mayor

