

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the “Day of Unity” in October 1981 observed by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence perpetrators cause significant and long-lasting trauma to countless individuals of every religion, identity, culture, and socioeconomic status, as domestic abuse survivors often endure physical and emotional abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, by observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we seek to increase awareness of incidents of violence in the home, focusing on the victims of domestic violence and their children, who have suffered emotional and physical abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, through the inspiration, courage, and persistence of survivors of domestic abuse and violence, their children and advocates, legislation has been enacted to provide protection and services for future victims and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the achievements of those working to end domestic violence throughout the city, state, and nation, together with the continuing efforts of local agencies to assist victims of domestic violence and to prevent future violence in our communities, are to be commended; and

**WHEREAS**, Harbor House Domestic Abuse Programs will conduct its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Purple Porch Project, encouraging homeowners and businesses to participate in the Purple Porch Contest by incorporating purple-colored décor and outdoor lights during October.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage residents to participate in activities that mourn those who have died as a result of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and connect those who work to end violence.

Signed and sealed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON