

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month every October to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, and connect those who work to end violence; and

WHEREAS, due to systemic racism, racist policies, and racist societal structures, both Black women and Black men experience intimate partner violence at a disproportionately high rate, as do members of the LGBTQIA+ community, who see domestic violence rates between two and eight times higher than straight individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City has made great strides in combatting domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, since 2023, the City's Survivor Fund has reached 16,830 survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; the Rapid Rehousing Program has housed 417 survivors and their children; and the Prevention Program has reached 13,473 youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, the City's Department of Family and Support Services' gender-based violence team has conducted over seventy gender-based violence trainings since 2023 to educate and provide resources to City and sister agencies' staff such as the: Mayor's Office, Department of Family and Support Services, Department of Procurement Services, Chicago Public Libraries, Department of Public Health, Chicago Housing Authority, Civilian Office for Police Accountability, and Chicago Police Department's Domestic Violence Subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, gender-based violence initiatives within the Mayor's Office are housed in the Mayor's Office of Community Safety, recognizing that survivor safety, dignity, and access to support are essential to preventing gender-based violence and strengthening community safety; and

WHEREAS, The Gender-Based Violence Task Force is comprised of 21 members that includes survivors, a liaison with the Mayor's LGBTQ+ Advisory Council, and a liaison with the Mayor's Women's Advisory Council, acknowledging the interconnectedness and the importance of their voices; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourteenth day of October, 2026 do hereby recognize this month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month" in Chicago, and call upon our residents to join us in the efforts to raise awareness, support survivors, and work towards a future free of domestic violence.