



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, it has been estimated that every nine seconds a woman is beaten by her husband or boyfriend in this country and, in more than half of those instances, children under the age of 12 are present; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2023 the City of Renton adopted Renton Municipal Code 6-33-3 – Exposing Minor Children to Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of abusers responsible for domestic violence-related fatal shootings were prohibited by law from owning firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers and is sustained by indifference. and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Renton is working to improve the overall response to and the reduction of domestic violence in our region with awareness of the cultural differences in our community; and

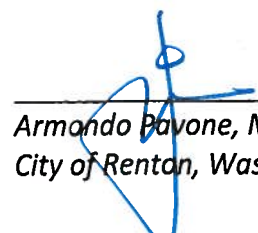
**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is one of the most dangerous calls for law enforcement, and the safety of those involved along with the community is a critical situation;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Renton, and I encourage everyone in our community to take an active role in supporting all victims so they can lead healthy lives safe from violent and abusive behavior.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 2nd day of October, 2023.

  
Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

