

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, *the impact of domestic violence extends beyond individuals, reaching into families and communities; and*

WHEREAS, *in the last year Marion County has experienced four domestic violence homicide crimes resulting in the deaths of five victims; and*

WHEREAS, *the Marion County District Attorney's office received 1,301 law enforcement reports of domestic violence last year, filed 1,043 domestic violence cases, and filed 74 juvenile dependency cases with domestic violence allegations; and*

WHEREAS, *the Marion County Courts received 1,037 requests for protective orders last year; and*

WHEREAS, *the Center for Hope and Safety received 30,964 contacts to its program in 2018, and provided 6,639 nights of shelter; and*

WHEREAS, *the Marion County Victim Assistance Division provided services to more than 1,700 victims of domestic violence last year, walking alongside them and giving them a voice in the criminal justice process; and*

WHEREAS, *we know that we can make a difference by speaking up and reaching out to help victims and survivors; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim October 2019, as*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and honor those who have died and acknowledge those who have survived by supporting meaningful services that create safety and hope for people needing help in our community.

DATED this fourteenth day of October 2019.

*Chuck Bennett
Mayor*