

PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, the Marion County District Attorney's office received 1,126 law enforcement reports of domestic violence last year, and filed 989 domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Courts received 1,128 requests for protective orders last year; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Hope and Safety received 33,189 contacts to its program in 2019, and provided 4,866 nights of shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Victim Assistance Division provided 20,737 victim services and assisted 1,728 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 2020, 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 twelfth day of October 2020.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor