OLMSTED COUNTY
MINNESOTA

Proclamation

Whereas,   in just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 9,000 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and

Whereas,   the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and

Whereas,   racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism, and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and

Whereas,   the need for safe house continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

Whereas,   Olmsted County joins with others across Minnesota and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Olmsted County; and

Whereas,   domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – each whose "#1Thing" adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Thein, Chair of the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims, October as:

Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand caused the corporate (official) seal of the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners to be affixed this 4th day of October in the year twenty-twenty two.

Signature: _____

Chair Mark Thein, Olmsted County Board of Commissioners