

A PROCLAMATION
Recognizing
Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2020
By Mayor Steve Dale
Wahpeton, North Dakota

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 a safe house continues to be rated as survivors’ most urgent need; and

WHEREAS, Wahpeton joins with others across North Dakota 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 Wahpeton; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Steve Dale, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wahpeton, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Wahpeton community, do hereby proclaim October 2020 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Wahpeton and beyond.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set forth my hand
And caused the Seal of the City of Wahpeton, North Dakota to
Be affixed this 19th Day of October, 2020

Steve Dale, Mayor
City of Wahpeton