

**RESOLUTION**

**NO. R-25-526**

**CITY HALL: October 9, 2025**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MORENO, MORRELL, GIARRUSSO, HARRIS, KING,  
GREEN AND THOMAS**

A **RESOLUTION** recognizing October 2025 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in the City of New Orleans and to honor the strength and resilience of survivors; to remember those whose lives were lost or impacted by abuse; to raise awareness of the tremendous organizations, city departments, law enforcement agencies, and service providers dedicated to providing resources to victims of domestic violence; and to reaffirm our shared commitment to creating a safe, supportive community free from violence and fear.

**WHEREAS**, Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989, kicking off an annual national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence; every October, organizations and individuals unite across the country for a national effort to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2025, the Domestic Violence Awareness Project announced this year's theme - *With Survivors, Always* - which allows us to explore what it means to be in partnership with survivors toward safety, support, and solidarity; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pervasive public health and safety issue that impacts millions of individuals across the United States, regardless of age, gender, race, socioeconomic status, or background; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, resulting in lasting physical, emotional, and financial impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, in New Orleans, domestic violence is the number one reason citizens call 911 for law enforcement assistance; thousands of New Orleans residents are victims of domestic violence each year, and on average, fourteen New Orleanians lose their lives annually to domestic violence related fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, in New Orleans, so far in 2025 at least 6 individuals have lost their lives to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, children who witness domestic violence are at increased risk of experiencing trauma, substance abuse, mental health challenges, and future victimization or perpetration of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Orleans Health Department does tremendous work to address domestic violence in our community through the following initiatives: the Advocacy Initiated Response Program (AIR); New Orleans Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team; Mayor's Domestic Violence Working Group and Sexual Violence Response Advisory Committee; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Multi-Disciplinary Teams; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Action Coalition for providers; Domestic Violence Prevention Program for Children Ages 0-5; additional working groups and task forces focused on promoting survivor-centered policies across communities, campuses, and justice systems; and training for all first responders including the New Orleans Police Department, New Orleans EMS, and the Orleans Parish Communication District 911/311; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, community-based organizations, advocates, and service providers continue to play a vital role in offering shelter, counseling, legal aid, and resources to survivors while working to break the cycle of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, ending domestic violence requires a coordinated commitment from government agencies, law enforcement, schools, healthcare providers, faith communities, and our residents to create a culture of respect, accountability, and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to honor and uplift the courage of survivors, remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, and reaffirm our collective responsibility to prevent abuse in all its forms; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the New Orleans City Council hereby recognizes October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourages our community to continue to raise awareness about the impacts of domestic violence, support organizations serving survivors, and take part in efforts to build a safer, healthier community for all.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**