

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 1 - 31, 2017

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels: and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, ONE IN THREE Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, despite tremendous progress, an average of three women in America die as a result of domestic violence each day. One in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard N. McLean, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge the citizens of Brighton to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

DATED this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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