

**DECLARING OCTOBER 2020  
“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”  
IN THE CITY OF ALGONA**

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence has affected members of our community and individuals throughout the world. Sadly, many victims of this crime suffer in silence because they are afraid to seek help. It is crucial that members of our community feel safe, and comfortable seeking help when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, It is estimated that more than 10 million people experience domestic violence every year. While domestic violence is known primarily as physical abuse, it has many other forms including emotional, sexual, financial, or psychological. It can cause long-term trauma to individuals of every gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, culture, and socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, Since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Washington has seen an increase in reports of domestic violence and abuse especially in the King and Pierce County regions. A contributing factor to the increase is more people are staying home. Although home is a sanctuary for most of us, it can be the most dangerous place for victims of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is nationally recognized every October, and first began by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect women’s advocates across the country. This month is an opportunity to help our community promote and protect the safety and freedom of all who seek refuge from this terrible crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Your Algona Pacific Domestic Violence Task Force and the Algona Police Department are dedicated to help victims of domestic violence by providing resources to advocacy, education, and services. Through various programs throughout our region, individuals and families can feel a sense of hope, safety, and protection; and

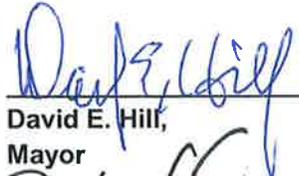
**WHEREAS**, The City of Algona encourages members of the community to work together to increase domestic violence awareness. Doing so will enable members of our community to feel safe and secure.

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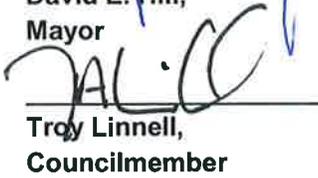
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Algona, do hereby proclaim October, 2020 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In witness whereof we have here unto set our hand and caused the seal of the City of Algona to be affixed this 12th day of October, 2020.

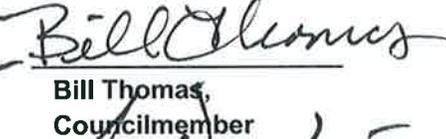
SIGNED:



David E. Hill,  
Mayor

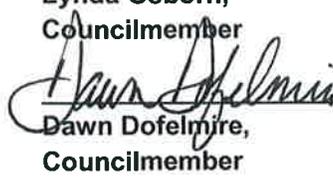


Troy Linnell,  
Councilmember

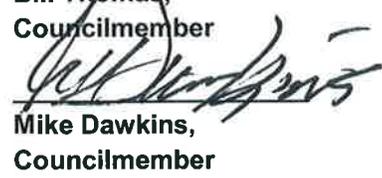


Lynda Osborn,  
Councilmember

Bill Thomas,  
Councilmember



Dawn Dofelmire,  
Councilmember



Mike Dawkins,  
Councilmember

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Garnica,  
City Clerk