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Proclamation, Office of the Mayor, Kansas City Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2021

Today, in the city of Kansas City, Missouri, in recognition of the strength demonstrated by survivors of domestic violence, as well as the important work by domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge every Kansas Citian and community organization to take a stand towards the elimination of intimate partner violence.

Whereas, in just one day nationwide, more than 75,000 victims of domestic violence need services. Here in Missouri, 3,000 victims are served in a single day and more than 1,100 victims find safe housing by local domestic violence programs. However, in Missouri, there are another 1,100+ victims *each day* who request safety or services that are NOT met, due to a lack of resources available to meet the victim's needs.

Whereas, increased funding and support would enable domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to all survivors and to help prevent violence in our communities, as well as prevent the lasting impacts it creates on victims and society. Today, we thank our Missouri domestic violence agencies for the comprehensive care they provide as they help victims and survivors navigate to a safe future.

Whereas, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting our communities, families, and children. The ripple effect is seen in our children's ability to cope and feel safe, while adult victims suffer from a variety of long-lasting health issues. A national study also found that work productivity produces a net loss annually at approximately \$1.14 billion due to those suffering from domestic violence and its affects. With that, domestic violence is a wide-spread community issue – impacting us all, which is why a community response is vital.

Whereas, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Our Missouri domestic violence shelters have safety net and violence prevention services. Reach out to them if you need help. Kansas City also has a comprehensive response to the crime of domestic violence. Launched last fall, The Kansas City Blueprint for Safety, with efforts led by one local domestic violence agency, addresses domestic violence crime in a more effective and comprehensive way, and sets Kansas City out as a national leader in domestic violence response.

I, as Mayor, am proud of Kansas City's response to the crime of domestic violence.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Quinton Lucas, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Today, we ask the citizens of Kansas City to take a stand against domestic violence, and use your voices to support local domestic violence agencies and efforts that assist victims of crime. Your voices and support will help victims and survivors find the help and healing they need.