

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence poisons relationships, destroys lives, and shatters the bedrock of our society — *the family*. Homes should be places of comfort and stability where love and mutual respect thrive.

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence erodes this environment, leaving many Americans in potentially life-threatening situations. We must resolve to have zero tolerance for acts of domestic violence.

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects victims regardless of income, race, gender, or socioeconomic status. Each of us has a duty to speak out against these crimes and to make every effort to prevent such tragedies from occurring.

**WHEREAS**, together, we can ensure those who have suffered at the hands of abusers receive needed care and support, and we can protect potential victims from future abuse.

**WHEREAS**, During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our steadfast commitment to empowering survivors and ending this deeply destructive abuse.

**WHEREAS**, this month we strengthen our resolve to ensure homes are places of refuge, comfort, and protection — and not places of fear and abuse. We renew our commitment to support and protect victims, hold perpetrators accountable, and prevent violence before it starts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, R.J. Crawford, Mayor of Crossville, Tennessee, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Tennessee, do proclaim **October 2023** as:

## *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

In Crossville Tennessee, I call upon all citizens to stand firm in condemning domestic violence and supporting survivors of these crimes in finding the safety and recovery they need.



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R. J. Crawford  
Mayor  
Crossville TN

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