# JOINT PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER, 2020 “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” IN OGDEN CITY

**Action**

Adopt joint proclamation

**Summary**

This joint proclamation declares October, 2020 “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Ogden City.

Margaret Rose, Executive Director at Your Community Connection of Ogden, and Paige Davies, Director at Weber State University’s Women’s Center, will join the meeting electronically to accept the proclamation.

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WHEREAS, Domestic violence has affected members of our community and individuals throughout the world. Sadly, many victims of this horrific 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, Utah has seen an increase in reports of domestic violence and abuse. 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 Community Connection (YCC) of Ogden and the Weber State University Women’s Center are dedicated to help victims of domestic violence by providing advocacy, education, services, and resources. Through their programs, individuals and families can feel a sense of hope, safety, and protection; and

WHEREAS, Ogden City 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogden City Council and Mayor Michael P. Caldwell hereby proclaim October 2020:

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Ogden City. We encourage residents, schools, businesses, and community groups to recognize the importance of domestic violence awareness. We appreciate the efforts of YCC of Ogden, WSU’s Women’s Center, and all other institutions and organizations that encourage domestic violence awareness throughout our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2020.

Angela Choberka, Council Chair

Michael P. Caldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Hansen, City Recorder