Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility and security; and
- WHEREAS, for most of us, home and family can be counted among our greatest blessings, however, for far too many people these blessings are tarnished by violence and fear; and
- WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal strata; and
- WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, and throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence (intimate partner violence) accounts for 15% of all violent crime; and
- WHEREAS, 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of Domestic Violence Awareness Month is to heighten public awareness of the people who have suffered emotional and physical abuse and to honor the efforts of survivors, government officials, social service agencies, religious organizations, educational institutions, health care providers, and funding agencies toward more sensitive and effective services for victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Manitowoc, and call upon our community to respond to domestic violence by creating a safe environment for all.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 20th day of September, Twenty Twenty-One.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor