City of Statesville, North Carolina

Office of the Mayor Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2025

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and widespread crime that affects individuals, families, and communities across all racial, ethnic, age, gender, and socioeconomic lines, leaving devastating physical, emotional, and financial consequences; and

WHEREAS, since 1989, October has been recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, uniting communities to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence and amplify the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Month theme, "With Survivors, Always," calls on all communities to work with survivors – uplifting their voices, honoring their resilience, and committing to ongoing safety, support, and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Statesville reaffirms its dedication to standing with survivors of domestic violence, supporting prevention efforts, and ensuring that resources, advocacy, and protection remain accessible to those affected; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the critical role of local organizations, advocates, law enforcement, and service providers who work tirelessly to prevent domestic violence, support survivors, and hold offenders accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, by working together, centering the experiences of those most impacted, and fostering a culture of respect and nonviolence, we can build a safer and more compassionate community for all residents of Statesville;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor of the City of Statesville, do hereby proclaim **October 2025** as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in the City of Statesville. I urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to work collaboratively to raise awareness, support survivors, and help prevent domestic violence.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my Hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Statesville to be affixed this 6th day of October 2025

Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor