

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250903)

RESOLUTION

Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, One in three women, one in four men, and nearly half of all LGBTQIA+ people will experience domestic violence at some point over their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is not a private, family issue; it is a widespread, community problem that requires comprehensive community solutions. We must acknowledge this, so we can work collectively towards ending domestic violence and creating safe, healthy communities for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Philadelphia Police Department responds to more than 100,000 domestic violence related calls. However, domestic violence extends far beyond Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pervasive national issue where, every minute, 24 people are victims of physical violence, rape, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. This amounts to more than 12 million people annually, and it results in loss of life for more than four individuals each day; and

WHEREAS, Amidst a time of great division, we are calling for a coming together to prevent intimate partner violence and build a community where every member can thrive; and

WHEREAS, In declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, The City of Philadelphia commits to supporting the strong Philadelphia network of advocates, survivors, supporters, and organizations working to end relationship abuse and foster a culture that ensures survivors find the help they need; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is locally sponsored by Women Against Abuse, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Love Shouldn't Hurt, Madre Tierra, Lutheran Settlement House's Bilingual Domestic Violence Program, and Women In Transition, who together lead the

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Philadelphia Domestic Violence Collaborative, a network providing emergency shelter, legal aid, counseling, medical advocacy, behavioral health services, and community education; and

WHEREAS, Women Against Abuse is Philadelphia's comprehensive domestic violence service provider, touching the lives of more than 12,000 people last year through emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal services, hotline counseling, and community education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Women Against Abuse and its partners, Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Love Shouldn't Hurt, Madre Tierra, Lutheran Settlement House's Bilingual Domestic Violence Program, and Women In Transition, make up the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Domestic Violence Collaborative provides a comprehensive continuum of services to survivors of domestic violence and their families in Philadelphia, which includes safe housing, legal aid, counseling, medical advocacy and behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Domestic Violence Collaborative provides life-saving resources to victims, as well as community education and training to prevent domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Domestic Violence Collaborative partners with the City of Philadelphia to operate the 24-hour toll-free Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline that provides callers with crisis intervention, safety planning and linkages to community resources, including intake into Women Against Abuse's emergency safe havens; and

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2024, more than 9,739 calls were answered by caring and experienced Hotline Counselors; and

WHEREAS, To ensure a more holistic approach to addressing violence in our community, the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Collaborative is partnering with the City Administration's Office of Domestic Violence Strategies and over 70 different community stakeholders to implement "Shared Safety: Philadelphia's Response to Relational Violence," a citywide plan to respond to domestic violence in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, To support a coordinated community response to domestic violence, the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Collaborative Organizations is holding events throughout the month of October to promote awareness about domestic violence and to build community support so that all Philadelphians will take a stand against violence; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Declares and recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixteenth day of October, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Lozada

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Lozada, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Landau, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla and Ahmad