

**RESOLUTION 2016-20**  
**DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, in any given year, more than 10,000,000 women and men are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States, and 1 in 3 women as well as 1 in 4 men have been or will be victims of physical violence by a partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence consists of a dominant partner exerting control over a victim through physical, emotional, and psychological abuse, the effects of which can have the potential to irreparably ruin one's mental well-being, career, and relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals experiencing domestic violence are unable to escape because of the extent of control to which the abuser subjects the victim. This control consists of threats of violence to victims or loved ones, withholding finances, and efforts to isolate victims from friends and families; and

**WHEREAS**, because it can be difficult to recognize the signs of domestic violence and it is known that anyone from any background can be an abuser, it is paramount to assist and empower victims to escape their situation by demonstrating widespread public efforts to end domestic violence in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, does hereby designate October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Prairie du Chien in an effort to reduce the obstacles of escaping violent relationships, endorse a national support network to assist victims, and foster a national discussion regarding the best measures to end domestic violence.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2016.

By a vote of: \_\_\_\_\_ in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ against, and \_\_\_\_\_ abstain.

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David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

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Aaron Kramer, City Administrator of the City of Prairie du Chien