



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** October is known as Domestic Violence Prevention Month, which is an abuse of power that tears apart the fabric of relationships and families and undermines the well-being of communities; and

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence affects millions of people in the United States, causing significant harm to the physical and mental health of survivors and their families, including their overall well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** many organizations with common missions, goals and objectives join together to increase the awareness of and offer their support and assistance in domestic violence cases that impact women, men and children of every age, background, and belief; and

**WHEREAS,** we recognize the important roles that public and private sectors, non-profit organizations, communities, and individuals play in helping to prevent and address domestic violence and to create a culture that refuses to tolerate abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** Hope United Survivor Network has partnered with **Purple Sunday** to offer support; and

**WHEREAS,** **Purple Sunday** was established in 2022 to encourage our faith-based community to promote domestic violence awareness and prevention by decorating their sanctuaries or places of assembly in the color purple, have a moment of silence, and/or invite guest speakers on the fourth Sunday of October; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Gastonia, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **October 22, 2023** as

## **PURPLE SUNDAY**

in the City of Gastonia and encourage our faith-based organizations to participate and advocate for domestic violence on this day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

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Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne J. Gibbs, City Clerk