



PROCLAMATION



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND PURPLE THURSDAY



WHEREAS October is known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an annual campaign that raises awareness about the impacts of intimate partner violence and its consequences, while signifying to survivors that they are not alone; and,

WHEREAS one in three women and one in nine men will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; the highest incidence occurring between the ages of 16 and 24, entering a cycle of violence that is hard to escape alone; and,

WHEREAS 1 in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence and 90% of these children witness the abuse; children who witness domestic violence are at an increased risk for post-traumatic stress disorder, aggressive behavior, anxiety, impaired development, difficulty interacting with peers, academic problems, and have a higher incidence of substance abuse; and,

WHEREAS domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, education and income levels; the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity; and,

WHEREAS everyone has the right to have healthy relationships, have access to trauma informed services and education that affirms that domestic violence is not acceptable; and,

WHEREAS providing trauma informed services to survivors is critical in eliminating domestic violence, and that obligation falls on the entire community and needs to be a local priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock does hereby proclaim October 17th, 2024, as Purple Thursday in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of October 2024, by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, Colorado.

ATTEST

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

Jason Gray, Mayor

