



# *Proclamation*

*Mayor Shaundel*

*City of La Crosse*

- WHEREAS,** in just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, 79,088 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 14,095 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for safe housing continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and
- WHEREAS,** La Crosse joins with others across Wisconsin and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in La Crosse; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – adding a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHAUNDEL WASHINGTON-SPIVEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE,** do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as

## **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”**

In the City of La Crosse in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence

Dated on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Five.



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**MAYOR SHAUNDEL**