



## PROCLAMATION

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2025

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed in October as an opportunity to raise awareness, uplift the voices and stories of survivors, connect communities with resources, educate leaders and policymakers, and recommit ourselves to prevention and the support of those impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence, also referred to as intimate partner violence, encompasses abusive behaviors used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects people of all ages, socio-economic statuses, sexual orientations, gender identities, races, religions, and nationalities, and its consequences include physical injury, psychological trauma, fear, and even death, as well as long-term intergenerational harm; and

**WHEREAS**, although progress has been made, domestic violence remains a widespread and urgent systemic issue that is rooted in the oppression and dehumanization of others and the perpetuation of, but not limited to, harmful social norms & attitudes, lack of accountability for offenders, and inadequate funding of social service programs; and

**WHEREAS**, national studies show that over one in three women and one in four men in the United States experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime, while millions of children are exposed to domestic violence each year, resulting in lasting effects on their safety, development, and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Joliet Township Government recognizes the importance of supporting survivors and honoring the work of local and national organizations, advocates, and community leaders who provide life-saving services, raise awareness, and work toward prevention and justice; and

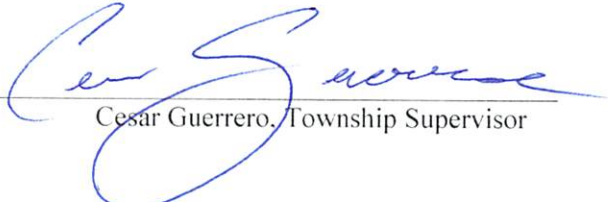
**WHEREAS**, building a truly safe community free from domestic violence is the collective responsibility that requires the commitment of every individual, family, community, and system.

**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED** that the Board of Joliet Township Government hereby proclaims October 2025 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Joliet Township, and encourages all residents to stand with survivors, honor the lives lost, and work together toward a future free of domestic violence.

**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

ATTEST:

  
Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk

  
Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor