

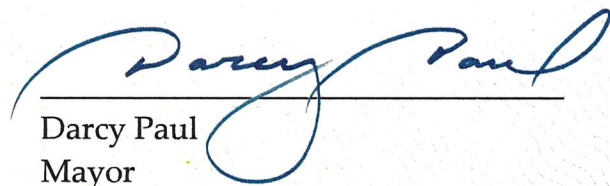
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Domestic violence impacts millions of Americans without regard to age, race, religion, economic status, or gender and affects entire communities, not just victims and survivors;
- WHEREAS,** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that one in four women and one in nine men experience sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by a partner during their lifetime, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline reports that the COVID-19 pandemic has created circumstances in which a victim's safety is further compromised;
- WHEREAS,** It is imperative that we support victims and survivors by raising awareness and forming alliances between families, advocates, medical and legal service providers, and law enforcement to provide emergency and transitional housing, counseling, and other support to help victims safely escape abusive situations;
- WHEREAS,** The City of Cupertino supports all victims and survivors of domestic violence and the work of all who strive to end domestic violence, and affirms that domestic violence is not acceptable in the City of Cupertino.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Darcy Paul, and the Cupertino City Council do hereby Proclaim the month of October 2022 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Cupertino and urge all residents to check in on the well-being of our families, friends, and neighbors as we work together to create a safer, healthier, and more supportive community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cupertino to be affixed this Tuesday, October 18, 2022.


Darcy Paul
Mayor