

PROCLAMATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a serious issue that affects individuals and families in every community, regardless of age, race, gender, socioeconomic status, or education level; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence not only harms victims but also has a profound impact on children, extended families, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Haven House Family Shelter and other organizations in Vicksburg work tirelessly to provide vital services, including emergency shelter, advocacy, counseling, and education to individuals and families affected by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Raising awareness and fostering community support are essential steps towards breaking the cycle of abuse and ensuring that survivors have access to resources, safety, and hope; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, providing an important opportunity to educate our community, honor survivors, remember those who lost their lives to domestic violence, and strengthen our collective efforts to end abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Willis Thomopson, on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as

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in the City of Vicksburg. I encourage all citizens to unite in support of victims and survivors to raise awareness about domestic violence. Together, we can work towards creating a safer, healthier, and more compassionate community for all.

IN OFFICIAL WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Vicksburg to be affixed this 6th day of October 2025.

Mayor Willis Thompson City of Vicksburg, MS