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PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2020 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across the United States and the world with implications for personal and community health; and

Whereas, domestic violence does not discriminate and touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas, considering medical expenses, lost productivity, legal costs, and property loss and damage, domestic violence costs victims nearly \$82,000 over their lifetime and collectively costs the United States \$3.6 trillion; and

Whereas, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another incidents of domestic violence can be reduced; and

Whereas, every day in Orland Park, individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, providing services including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Pekau and the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees hereby proclaim October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Orland Park, IL and urge all residents to become involved in efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence and recognize the impact of domestic violence in our community.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2020

Keith Pekau, Village President
Village of Orland Park