



Office of the Mayor

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### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systemic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly, and

Whereas, domestic violence against the citizens of Monongalia County continues to affect every person in Monongalia County as a victim, survivor, or as a family member, domestic partner, friend, co-worker, or neighbor of a victim or survivor; and

Whereas, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial, gender and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

Whereas, to prevent the future abuse of our citizens, it is critical to foster greater public awareness of the causes and effects of domestic violence, and to address this problem on every civic level; and

Whereas, the staff of Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center alongside volunteers promote domestic violence prevention by offering educational services in Monongalia County throughout the year; and

Whereas, the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center requests public support and assistance as it continues to work toward a society where all people can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation.

Now Therefore, I, **Ron Dulaney, Jr.**, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, in recognition of the important work done by the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center serving Monongalia, Preston, and Taylor Counties as well as all other domestic violence programs, the City of Morgantown does hereby proclaim the month of October to be

## NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work towards improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and society as a whole. We commend this observance to all citizens.

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**Ron Dulaney, Jr., Mayor**