

# Proclamation

## *City of Farmers Branch Domestic Violence Awareness*

**WHEREAS** domestic violence is a serious, widespread and hidden societal problem that affects 10 million adults in the United States each year, regardless of race, age and income, and as many as one in four women are victims of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS** abuse causes long-term damaging effects on the health and well-being of victims and their families, friends, and communities, and children who witness domestic violence, or are targeted in domestic violence, become socialized into believing violence and abuse is normal and are at greater risk of perpetuating the cycle of violence; and

**WHEREAS** the Farmers Branch Police Department has served over 268 victims of domestic violence this past year; and

**WHEREAS** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides a coordinated community effort for citizens to learn about preventing domestic violence and to support organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

**THEREFORE I, Robert C. Dye, Mayor of the City of Farmers Branch, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 as**

### **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”**

in the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, and ask the people of Farmers Branch to join me in raising awareness of domestic violence prevention and recognize the courage and inspirations of survivors, community leaders, police, judges, healthcare workers, and advocates who are working on solutions to end domestic violence.



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**Robert C. Dye, Mayor**