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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Declaring October 2016 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a perpetrators’ systematic use of abusive tactics to denigrate, dominate and endanger their intimate partners and children, denying them safety at home, work, school, or in the community; and

WHEREAS, Safety is a basic and vital human right; however, one in three Minnesota women are deprived of that right by people who commit acts of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Murder is an extreme and horrific outcome of an aggressor’s power and control tactics and in 2015, 34 Minnesotans were murdered in domestic violence incidents; and

WHEREAS, Over 63,000 victims seek services from domestic violence programs in Minnesota every year, representing only a fraction of the number of victims in the state, as only one out of every five victims ever seek services; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a public safety issue. Keeping victims of domestic violence safe and holding aggressors accountable is the responsibility of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence programs, employers, law enforcement, faith communities, schools, the justice system, the government, the community as a whole must work together to promote justice, provide safety, and prevent harm on behalf of all Minnesotans.

Now, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis that October 2016 is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

That the 35W bridge be lit in purple on October 1, 2016, to honor domestic violence victims and survivors – known and unknown – and to reflect on our collective and individual duty to respect and protect the human rights of all. We are committed to living free, without violence!

Passed, this August 19th, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk