



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, LPD Director

THROUGH: Mary Sheffield, Council President

FROM: Angela Whitfield Calloway, Council Member *AWC*

DATE: September 10, 2025

RE: Request for a resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Please prepare a resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encouraging Detroit residents to wear purple in support of survivors and help raise awareness on Thursday, October 16, 2025, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Day or Purple Thursday.

Domestic violence is a serious problem across the country. Since 1989, the United States Congress has declared the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime. Detroit should acknowledge the horrific damage caused by domestic violence and join others in addressing this serious problem.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns through Peter Rhoades at peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov or by telephone.