

# **State of Minnesota City of Oakdale Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, in this country, it has been estimated that an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of abusers responsible for domestic violence-related fatal shootings were prohibited by law from owning firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers and is sustained by indifference; and

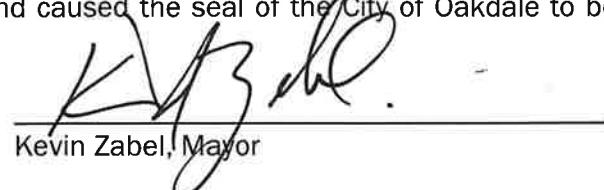
**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakdale is working to improve the overall response to and the reduction of domestic violence in our region with awareness to the cultural differences in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is one of the most dangerous calls for law enforcement and the safety of those involved along with the community; and

**WHEREAS**, October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and on Saturday, October 16, 2025, we encourage the community to wear purple to create awareness about domestic violence in our community.

**THEREFORE**, I, Kevin Zabel, Mayor of Oakdale, Minnesota, hereby proclaim the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Oakdale.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakdale to be affixed on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.



Kevin Zabel, Mayor