



CITY OF LITCHFIELD PARK
P R O C L A M A T I O N
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

WHEREAS, domestic violence is prevalent throughout the region as reported by 40 percent of MAG survey respondents saying that they personally knew someone who has experienced domestic violence, and;

WHEREAS, the trauma and suffering caused by domestic violence destroys families, threatens the safety of neighborhoods, and weakens the ability of communities to thrive, and:

WHEREAS, over 15 million children live in families experiencing domestic violence, and seven million children live in homes where severe violence occurred, contributing to devastating effects such as post-traumatic stress, decreased social, emotional and cognitive development, as well as future physical and emotional health issues; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who leave their abusers face poverty, unemployment, homelessness and even death at the hands of abusers as a result of leaving; and

WHEREAS, the MAG Regional Council is dedicated to ensuring the safety of domestic violence survivors and holding abusers accountable; and

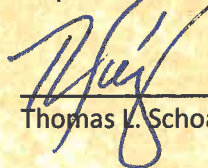
WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community action, and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships; and

WHEREAS, in unification with Governor Ducey's lighting of the State Capitol, the City of Litchfield Park will light City Hall purple on October 2nd as a symbol of Arizona's dedication to ending domestic violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas L. Schoaf, Mayor of the City of Litchfield Park, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge our citizens to dedicate themselves to ending all forms of violence and the abuse of power and control in relationships.

Dated this 19th day of September 2018.

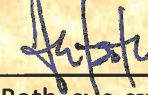
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Thomas L. Schoaf, Mayor



Attest:



Terri Roth, CMC, CPT, City Clerk