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TO: Detroit City Council
FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division
DATE: October 14, 2019
RE: Resolution to declare October as National Domestic Violence Awareness
Month in the City of Detroit

AMENDED

The Honorable Council Member Scott Benson requested that the Legislative Policy Division draft a resolution to declare October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Detroit. Attached, please find our draft of the resolution.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BENSON

**Resolution affirming support to declare October 2019 and every year henceforth as
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural, and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, The threat of violence is a powerful instrument of control. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981, was conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, on average, 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. In one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men being victimized by some kind of violent attack; and

WHEREAS, One out of every fifteen children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence. Domestic victimization is directly correlated with higher rates of depression and suicidal behavior; and

WHEREAS, That the Detroit City Council acknowledges the health of any community is predicated on protecting the most vulnerable, and in doing so, supports this year's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, during October and throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an important reminder for all of us to focus on preventing domestic violence in our community thereby strengthening our community; **AND THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby designates the month of October, in this year, 2019, and every year, henceforth as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Detroit; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the office of the City Clerk, and the Mayor.