

**RESOLUTION NO. 158 OF 2024**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND PROJECT CELEBRATION FOR ITS WORK TO PREVENT AND ASSIST THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILMEN BOUCHER AND TALIAFERRO**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender and income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately one in four women and one in seven men in the United States have been victims of domestic violence and over 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to unite to end domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide lifesaving advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Celebration is a nonprofit organization located in Northwest Louisiana committed to helping individuals and families enhance their ability to live successfully in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Shelter located in Caddo Parish is a program offered by Project Celebration which provides direct services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and children experiencing violence; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's national Call for Unity is an opportunity for “Connective Action” around the DVAM 2024 theme, Heal, Hold & Center. This is an intentional pause and moment of recognition and togetherness for advocates and survivors across the country.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, hereby recognizes October 2024 as Domestic Violence Month and Project Celebration for its work to prevent domestic violence.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Shreveport City Council encourages all citizens to be advocates for those who have experienced abuse and violence by wearing purple and reconnecting with those you honor and appreciate in this work to help end and heal from domestic violence.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**City Attorney's Office**