

# Town of Sharon

## Proclamation



***WHEREAS,** Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that one intimate partner – current or former – uses to gain and maintain control over another. This abuse can occur in the form of physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, and economic control.*

***WHEREAS,** victims and survivors are often subjected to such tactics as isolation, intimidation, sexual and physical assault, forced substance abuse, insults, threatening, and excessive monitoring to control and manipulate; and*

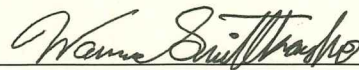
***WHEREAS,** domestic violence affects millions across the U.S. regardless of cultural background, ethnicity, sexual orientation, faith, socioeconomic status, ability, or educational background. This means it is very likely we all know someone who is a victim or survivor, and someone who is an abuser; and*

***WHEREAS,** the severity of domestic violence calls for enhanced prevention strategies, as well as strengthened intervention efforts that include employing a variety of community-based and public resources to support law enforcement, prosecution, victim advocacy, secure shelters, batterer's intervention, other support services, and policy development.*

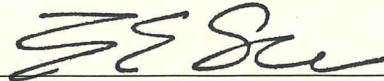
***NOW THEREFORE, BY THESE PRESENTS,** the Town of Sharon, acting through its Select Board, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2022, to be,*

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

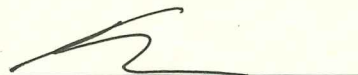
*Given this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022*



Hanna R. Switekowski, Chair



Emily E. Smith-Lee, Clerk



Kiana Pierre-Louis, Member

