

Proclamation

Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women
November 25, 2025

- WHEREAS,** violence against women and girls remains the most widespread human rights violation in the world today, an epidemic rooted not in culture or geography, but in the abuse of power and the silencing of dignity; and
- WHEREAS,** such violence takes many forms including physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, psychological, and financial, and is used to dominate, isolate, and control; and
- WHEREAS,** this harm knows no borders. It strikes in cities and villages, in conflict zones and peaceful communities alike. It affects women and girls of every race, age, and income level including here in our own City; and
- WHEREAS,** this violence invades the sacred spaces of privacy and safety, robbing individuals of their humanity, and often leads to lasting trauma, health complications, and increased vulnerability to disease, including HIV; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the World Health Organization, one in three women globally has experienced physical or sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations finds that the most common form of human trafficking nearly 80 percent is sexual exploitation, most often of women and girls; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 200 million women and girls have undergone female genital mutilation, a violent practice with no medical benefit, only pain, risk, and control; and
- WHEREAS,** for more than a century, Zonta International has worked across 64 countries to advance gender equity, empower women, and end violence; and
- WHEREAS,** during the global “16 Days of Activism,” from November 25 to December 10, the Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area joins its sister chapters in raising voices, advocating for policy change, and challenging the cultural norms that allow this violence to persist.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lynette Crow-Iverson, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, and I, Blessing “Yemi” Mobolade, Mayor of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim support for Zonta Internationals fight against violence and gender equity.

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in the City of Colorado Springs and we call upon our community not just to observe, but to engage. To educate ourselves. To support survivors. To speak out when it's hard. And to build, together, a city where all people especially women and girls can live free from fear, full of dignity, and secure in their right to flourish. In Colorado Springs, we say no to violence. We say yes to hope.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 25th day of November 2025. □

Lynette Crow-Iverson, President
Colorado Springs City Council

Blessing “Yemi” Mobolade, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs