



Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of intentionally violent and/or controlling behavior to gain power or control over a family member or dating/intimate partner that violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse

WHEREAS, according to the Centers of Disease Control, more than 1 in 3 women and more than 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced physical violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime;

WHEREAS, domestic violence spans gender, age, sexual orientation, and religion, and affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels;

WHEREAS, some of the biggest victims of domestic violence are the smallest, with approximately 15.5 million children exposed to domestic violence every year;

WHEREAS, families are indispensable to a stable community, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious public health and safety concern, requiring a coordinated community response of partnerships that must be formed among criminal and civil justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim service providers to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families, that they may not only survive, but truly thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Wake County can save lives, rebuild lives, secure safer futures and break the cycle of violence in our community, hence the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2018 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Wake County.

ADOPTED this the 15th day of October 2018.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners