



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing October 2025 as  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence, also known as Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), is a pattern of intentionally displaying violent and/or controlling behavior to gain power, cause fear or control over a family member or dating/intimate partner that violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, intimate partner violence can include any of the following types of behavior: physical violence, sexual violence, stalking or psychological aggression; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 41% of women and 26% of men in the United States have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime and reported a related impact; and

**WHEREAS**, about 1 in 12 high school students who reported dating in the past year experienced physical teen dating violence, and about 1 in 10 experienced sexual dating violence; and

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

**WHEREAS**, according to the CDC, nearly three-quarters (71.1%) of female victims of intimate partner violence reported that they were first victimized before the age of 25, and more than 1 in 5 (23.2%) before age 18; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly two-thirds (58.2%) of male victims reported first experiencing intimate partner violence before age 25, and more than 1 in 10 (14.1%) before age 18; and

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

**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;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2025, as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urges the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to work together to break the cycle of violence in our community to rebuild lives and help secure safer futures for the victims of these types of violence.

**ADOPTED** this the 6th day of October 2025.

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Susan P. Evans, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners