



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing October 2024 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 fating/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.

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men in the United States have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime, and 1 in 10 high school students have experienced physical teen 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, almost three-quarters of female victims of intimate partner violence reported that they were first victimized before the age of 25, and more than 1 in 4 were first victimized before age 18; and almost two-thirds of male victims of intimate partner violence reported that they were first victimized before the age of 25, and more than 1 in 5 were first victimized 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 2024, 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 7th day of October 2024.

Shinica Thomas, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners