



Proclamation

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a means of intimidation and violation to influence and control a partner involved in an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not always physical and can take the form of mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse and isolation; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men will experience an incident of domestic violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated 30% to 60% of perpetrators of domestic violence also abuse children in the household; and

WHEREAS, one in three teens annually experience abuse or threats from their partner; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, thus far in 2016 five women and/or children and one man in Wake County have lost their lives due to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence adversely affects all members of communities - increasing police and court costs, creating the need for sheltering, and foster care, and contributing to absenteeism and non-productivity in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated community effort is needed to connect victims to essential supportive services to break the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, Wake County recognizes the significant impact domestic violence has in our community on families, children, schools and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can secure safer futures and break the cycle of violence in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim October 2016, as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Wake County.

This the 3rd day of October, 2016

James West, Chairman
Wake County Board of County Commissioners