



## **Proclamation**

### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a means of intimidation and violation to influence and control another person; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence includes physical, mental, emotional, and financial abuse as well as forced isolation; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 43% of dating college women report experiencing some violent and abusive dating behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Council on Aging, approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60 and older have experienced some form of elder abuse. Some estimates range as high as 5 million elders are abused each year; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim October 2017 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Wake County.

**This the 16th day of October, 2017.**

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Sig Hutchinson, Chairman  
Wake County Board of County Commissioners