



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing 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;

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men in the United States have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during 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 22 million children exposed to domestic violence every year, 90% of which are eyewitnesses to the violence;

WHEREAS, healthy 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;

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 2019 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Wake County.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of October 2019.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of County Commissioners