



Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEM AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 10/2/2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 9/22/2023

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DEPT: Family Justice Center

AGENDA TITLE: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

TO: Alamance County Board of Commissioners

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

October was first declared as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. Since then, October has been a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims who lose their lives at the hands of their abusers. Request for Commissioners to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death for victims and their children. Alamance County has been committed to addressing the issue of domestic violence for many years. In 1985, Family Abuse Services was incorporated as a non-profit agency to provide services and shelter to victims of domestic violence. In 2010, Alamance County opened the Family Justice Center, this first of its kind in North Carolina. At the Center, victims can come to one location to access a wide range of supportive resources, such as talking with a victim advocate, getting assistance with filing a restraining order, planning for their safety, talking to a law enforcement officer, meeting with a professional to discuss civil and criminal legal issues, and gaining information on how to access shelter and other community resources.

RECOMMENDATION:

ATTACHMENTS: