

ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence does not discriminate and is prevalent in every community. People of any race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, education level, nationality, or economic status can be a victim; and

WHEREAS, in response to multiple murder-suicides and a community issue of domestic violence, Family Abuse Services of Alamance County was incorporated in 1985 to serve victims and their children with vital safety services; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime. The Family Justice Center of Alamance County opened its doors in 2010 and provides one-stop services for victims of interpersonal violence including domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, child abuse, human trafficking, and elder abuse. Under one roof, professionals from different disciplines including law enforcement, social services, victim services, non-profits, and other government organizations work together to provide consolidated and coordinated safety, legal, and social aid to individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, The Family Justice Center and its partners have served over 1300 victims over 1800 times so far in 2023; and

WHEREAS, there have been 51 domestic violence homicides in NC so far in 2023, already surpassing the numbers from 2022; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy and assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, Alamance County has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence, address its brutal and destructive effects, and make ending domestic violence a local priority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, The Alamance County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, October, as **“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”** in Alamance County and urge all citizens to actively support the work being done toward the elimination of domestic violence.

Signed this 2nd day of October 2023.

Alamance County Board of Commissioners

John Paisley, Jr., Chairman

Attest:

Tory Frink, Clerk to the Board