

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 3 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 1,000 victims more than 3,000 times so far in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been 61 domestic violence homicides and 17 suicides in NC so far in 2024, already surpassing the numbers from 2022 and 2023; 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.**

*Alamance County Board of Commissioners*

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*John Paisley, Jr., Chairman*

**Attest:**

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*Tory Frink, Clerk to the Board*