

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security, and humanity, due to an abuser's systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control; and

WHEREAS, an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States: more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year; and

WHEREAS, over 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in just one day in 2024, across the U.S. and its territories, more than 79,000 victims of domestic violence received non-residential supportive services or found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society, here in Brevard County, throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Brevard, government officials, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, domestic violence programs, social service providers, educators, clergy, and community leaders must join together to end the abuse and violence that continues to threaten the health, safety, and well-being of so many in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Together with the Brevard County Domestic Violence Task Force, we urge citizens to speak out against domestic violence, support survivors' efforts to live free from abuse, and hold those who abuse accountable.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED in regular session this 16 day of September 2025.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

By: _____
Rob Feltner, Chairman
As approved by the Board on
September 16, 2025