

## **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**, more than 1 in 4 women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime and nearly 8 million U.S. women are raped, physically assaulted, and/or stalked by a current or former intimate partner each year and nationwide an average of 3 women are killed by a current or former intimate partner every day; and

**WHEREAS**, in just one day in 2023, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 77,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters; 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 2024 as

### **"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"**

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

**DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED** in regular session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 2024.

ATTEST:

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RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

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Jason Steele, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Brevard County, Florida