

# *Proclamation*

## **DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

*Whereas*, domestic violence is a pervasive issue that transcends all ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic boundaries. It is a pattern of behavior involving physical, emotional, sexual, or economic abuse perpetrated by an intimate partner; and

*Whereas*, domestic violence is a crime with far-reaching consequences, affecting victims of all genders, sexual orientations, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

*Whereas*, the home, a place intended to be a sanctuary, is often the site of domestic violence, making it a hidden crime with devastating impacts on individuals, families, and communities; and

*Whereas*, October is designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month to raise awareness about this critical issue, encourage prevention efforts, and support survivors; and

*Whereas*, it is essential to acknowledge the courage of survivors who break the cycle of abuse and seek help and to commend the dedicated professionals who provide support and services to victims. Indian River County is committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for all residents and working collaboratively with community partners to prevent domestic violence and provide support to survivors.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and express our sincere appreciation for those committed to promoting peace and preventing domestic violence in our community.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

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