

Proclamation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious, widespread issue that affects individuals in every community regardless of age, race, income, or education level, and leaves a lasting impact on survivors, families, and communities; and

Whereas, more than one in three women and one in four men in the United States have experienced physical violence, threats, or abuse from an intimate partner during their lifetimes; and

Whereas, lingering health and economic challenges, and the continuing housing crisis have taken their toll on mental health with increases in suicidal ideation and deaths, substance use, household violence, food insecurity, and more; and

Whereas, the effects of domestic violence extend beyond the immediate harm caused to survivors, impacting children, workplaces, health systems, and entire communities; and

Whereas, *Safety. Support. Solidarity.* is the theme for 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Month, uniting communities nationwide and here on the Treasure Coast in standing #WithSurvivors; and

Whereas, it is vital to recognize the importance of SafeSpace's work and to encourage community members, employers, faith leaders, and civic organizations to take action by raising awareness, learning the signs of abuse, and offering compassionate support to survivors.

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that we recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to support SafeSpace, honor the courage of survivors, and commit to ending domestic violence.

Adopted this 7th day of October 2025.

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