



- WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief with nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States having suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and,
- WHEREAS, Hope United Survivor Network and The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center implemented the Domestic Violence High Risk Fatality Prevention Team as a result of the implementation of the Danger Assessment for Law Enforcement. Our collaborators include the Gaston County District Attorney's Office, all law enforcement jurisdictions, GEMS, DSS, CaroMont, Probation and Parole; and,
- WHEREAS, domestic violence programs in Gaston County provide essential, lifesaving services to survivors, their families, and the community; and,
- WHEREAS, Hope United Survivor Network, The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center and many community partners have worked together through a Coordinated Community Response Team and continue to meet the needs of domestic violence survivors and create a safer community for all; and,
- WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 2024 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

and urge all citizens of Gaston County to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to assist survivors of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need.

Chad Brown, Chairman

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