



WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief with nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in the United States having suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and,

WHEREAS, Hope United Survivor Network implemented the Danger Assessment for Law Enforcement in collaboration with the Gaston County District Attorney's Office and all law enforcement jurisdictions; 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,

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 2023 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.

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To be Adopted the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2023