



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 has implemented the Domestic Violence High Risk Fatality Prevention Team, a partnership with The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center, The Lighthouse Children's Advocacy Center, the Gaston County District Attorney's Office, Gaston County Police Department, Gaston County Sheriff's Office, all law enforcement jurisdictions, Probation and Parole, Pre-Trial Services, Gaston County EMS, CaroMont Health, and the Gaston County Department of Social Services, working together to identify and respond to the most dangerous cases of domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, this team works collaboratively to identify and respond to the most dangerous domestic violence cases, ensuring that survivors are protected, offenders are held accountable, and agencies are united in preventing future tragedies; and,

WHEREAS, by strengthening communication, coordination, and intervention across multiple systems, our community partners have created a more comprehensive network of support that saves lives and fosters long-term safety for survivors and their families; and,

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an important opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 2025 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 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025