

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH" IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of Michigan have recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the intentional and patterned use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic coercion and abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence violates the dignity, security and humanity of women, children, and men; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence continues to be a pervasive social problem across Michigan and in Washtenaw County, with an estimated 20% of women in the State currently in a relationship experiencing violence in their relationship; and

WHEREAS, the SafeHouse Center serves more than 5,000 survivors of domestic violence, primarily women and children, each year in Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County government is an active partner and ally in the fight against domestic violence, and has a strong and solid history of supporting survivors; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity for citizens to learn more about violence issues and show support for the survivors of domestic violence and the advocates, counselors, and others who care for them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners proclaims the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and encourages all citizens of Washtenaw County to reach out to support survivors and join the efforts to help bring an end to domestic violence.