

Of

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

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**WHEREAS:** Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects Buncombe County citizens of all races, ages, genders, and income levels; and

**WHEREAS:** Domestic violence costs Buncombe County taxpayers millions of dollars annually in law enforcement and court costs, shelters and foster care and medical expenses; and

**WHEREAS:** Children who grow up witnessing domestic violence in their homes are deeply impacted and are more likely to have trouble in school, more likely to perpetrate violence themselves and more likely to experience long term mental and physical health challenges; and

**WHEREAS:** Buncombe County is committed to preventing domestic violence and has implemented a Coordinated Community Response partnering with community organizations including: the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Buncombe County Department of Health and Human Services, the District Attorney's Office, Asheville Police Department, Mission Hospital, Helpmate, Our VOICE, Pisgah Legal Services and other agencies who are working together toward a community free from domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS:** Buncombe County is committed to supporting the safety of domestic violence victims and has opened the Buncombe County Family Justice Center where survivors can access coordinated support from different partner agencies including law enforcement, non-profit service providers and health care services; and

**WHEREAS:** Domestic Violence Prevention Month is an opportunity to stand with domestic violence survivors, to celebrate the progress we have made in combating these crimes, and to recommit to preventing domestic violence in Buncombe County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of October 2017 be proclaimed:

***“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH”***  
in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby urge all citizens to make the commitment to stop domestic violence by speaking out against violence and learning more about the resources available to survivors and their families.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN**