

## **Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

### **A Proclamation**

Whereas, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime;

Whereas, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year;

Whereas, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends, and the community at large;

Whereas, families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation;

Whereas domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole, but particularly women and children;

Whereas, violence against women and children is a prevalent social ill due to the historical imbalance of power in gender and age;

Whereas, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse;

Whereas, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law;

Whereas, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse;

Whereas, we encourage domestic violence victims and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims' services organizations and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE);

Whereas, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem;

Whereas, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, and healing to our homes and communities;

Whereas, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education;

Whereas, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim services to assist victims of domestic violence and their families;

Whereas, the United States President and Congress as well as other federal agencies have expressed a commitment to eliminating domestic violence both nationally and internationally;

Whereas, our Nation must dedicate ourselves to protecting vulnerable members of our society;

Whereas, our Nation has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence and to address its brutal and destructive effects;

Whereas, our Nation must make ending domestic violence a national priority;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and victims' service providers, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, and to keep the health and safety off all in mind our emphasis will look a little different this year. YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center and Appomattox County Victim/Witness Assistance Program have partnered together to bring awareness to Domestic Violence. We work together towards the elimination of domestic violence in our community and County. We urge citizens to "light your front porch purple" during the month of October to support victims and survivors of domestic violence.

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Samuel Carter, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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# ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***



**When: October 18, 2020**

**9am (masks required)**

**10am (masks not required)**

**Where: Rocks Baptist Church**

**393 Rocks Church Rd Pamplin, Va**

**What: Forensic Nurse Quilt dedication &  
t-shirt distribution to the YWCA for  
victims**

YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Program &  
The Appomattox Victim Witness Program invite  
you to attend the event above or support victims &  
survivors by lighting your porch purple.

**View Our Yard display at  
Memorial United Methodist  
Church**

**YWCA IS ON  
A MISSION**