

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022 AS DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to creating a culture of safety and hope in our community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship caused by domestic violence. We recommit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to live free from violence and abuse and recognize our shared responsibility in ending this pervasive problem;

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief; and is rooted in a pattern of power and control;

WHEREAS, physical marks and scars are often the most obvious signs of harm, however, the extent of the pain goes much deeper and can impact one's mental, physical, and financial health;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic intensified the pressures that couples and families experienced and the need for full community engagement to support those who are hurting and being hurt is paramount;

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) is a beacon of light, coordinating essential services including advocacy, law enforcement, and social, medical, and legal services;

WHEREAS, vulnerable children and older adults are impacted at higher levels and it is essential that we participate and support innovative collaborations like the FJC's Pathways and Camp Hope program for children and the FJC's Elder Justice Committee coordinated community response;

WHEREAS, in a community partnership, the FJC has successfully brought together 17 agencies in one place to provide victims with easier access to comprehensive resources. This diverse and unique partnership provides hope and healing to victims of abuse and works diligently to hold offenders accountable;

WHEREAS, since the opening of the FJC in mid-June of 2015, over 63,000 citizens have been served, and on average, an individual works with five different organizations when visiting the FJC for the first time;

WHEREAS, by working together, getting involved, and through promoting awareness we can restore hope, stop the violence, and make our community safer for everyone; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it does hereby declare the month of October 2022, as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" and urges citizens to increase their awareness and education of this destructive force, which deeply affects many families in our State and local community each year, and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.