



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.5.

9/16/2025

Subject:

Resolution Acknowledging October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month - District 3

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve a Resolution recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Summary Explanation and Background:

From the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- An average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States: more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year.
- 14.8% of women and 4% of men in the United States have been injured as a result of intimate partner violence that included rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner.
- 1 in 4 women (24.3%) and 1 in 7 men (13.8%) aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Over 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- 9.4% of high school students reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt intentionally by their partner in the previous 12 months.
- Approximately 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men who experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.
- 1 in 10 high school students has experienced physical violence from a dating partner in the past year.
- 58% of college students say they don't know what to do to help someone who is a victim of dating abuse.
- 96% of employed domestic violence victims experience problems at work because of the abuse.
- Over 70% of US workplaces don't have a formal program or policy to address workplace violence.

From the National Network to End Domestic Violence:

- Domestic violence and sexual assault are pervasive, life threatening crimes affecting millions of individuals across our nation regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, or education

level.

- Personal safety and economic security are inextricably linked for victims of domestic violence. For many victims, concerns about their ability to provide for themselves and their children are a significant reason for staying in, or returning to, an abusive relationship. Access to resources that increase economic stability are essential in rebuilding one's life after abuse.
- Almost one in two women (47.3% or 59 million) and more than four in 10 men (44.2% or 52.1 million) in the United States reported contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime.
- In 2022, men killed 2,410 women in single victim/single offender incidents - an average of more than six homicides each day. For killings where the relationship could be identified, 87.5% of female victims were murdered by someone they knew; of these, 58.1% were wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends.

Members of the Domestic Violence Task force will accept the resolution.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please frame one Resolution.



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September 17, 2025

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Kim Adkinson, District 3

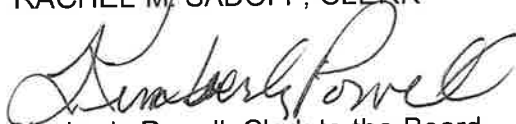
RE: Item E.5., Resolution Acknowledging October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on September 16, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 25-101, recognizing October 2025, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Enclosed is the fully-executed Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

Encl. (1)

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

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

WHEREAS, an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States, more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year; and

WHEREAS, over 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in just one day in 2024, across the U.S. and its territories, more than 79,000 victims of domestic violence received non-residential supportive services or found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society, here in Brevard County, throughout the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Brevard, government officials, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, domestic violence programs, social service providers, educators, clergy, and community leaders must join together to end the abuse and violence that continues to threaten the health, safety, and well-being of so many in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize October, 2025, as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Together with the Brevard County Domestic Violence Task Force, we urge citizens to speak out against domestic violence, support survivors' efforts to live free from abuse, and hold those who abuse accountable.

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 16th day of September, 2025.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

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DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED in regular session this 16 day of September 2025.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIOERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk

By: _____
Rob Feltner, Chairman
As approved by the Board on
September 16, 2025

Board Meeting Date

9-11-0

Item Number: E.S - D.V. Awareness month

Motion By: KA

Second By: KD

Nay By: _____

Commissioner	DISTRICT	AYE	NAY
Commissioner Delaney	1	✓	
Vice Chair Goodson	2	✓	
Commissioner Adkinson	3	✓	
Commissioner Altman	5	✓	
Chairman Feltner	4	✓	