



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Resolution/Award/Presentation

E.2.

10/10/2023

Subject:

Resolution acknowledging October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (District 4)

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve a Resolution recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Summary Explanation and Background:

From the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. For one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime to the point in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.
- On a typical day, there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic violence hotlines nationwide.
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.

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.
- More than 1 in 4 women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Nearly 8 million women are raped, physically assaulted, and/or stalked by a current or former intimate partner each year.
- Nationwide, an average of 3 women are killed by a current or former intimate partner every day.

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

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please frame 1 Resolution



October 11, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

RE: Item E.2., Resolution Acknowledging October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 10, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 23-122, recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

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Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Brevard



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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/or economic control; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people and are supported by societal indifferences; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, all 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 proclaim the month of October 2023, as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

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

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 10th day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:

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RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

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RITA PRITCHETT, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



RESOLUTION

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Rita Pritchett Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County, Florida