

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief, and is rooted in a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion and violence to gain power over his or her partner;

WHEREAS, physical marks and scars are often the most obvious signs of harm caused by domestic violence, however the extent of the pain goes much deeper and can impact ones mental, physical, emotional, and financial health;

WHEREAS, the national average shows that more than three individuals are murdered every day by an intimate partner, and in 2017, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that 79 women, men, and children were murdered in domestic violence-related homicides in our state; with Greensboro reporting 1 domestic violence related death;

WHEREAS, locally, Family Service of the Piedmont responded to approximately 3,100 crisis line calls in the last fiscal year and the Greensboro Police Department reported over 13,000 calls for service involving domestic and/or sexual violence;

WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence are more likely to transmit violent behavior from one generation to the next and are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems;

WHEREAS, in a community partnership, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) in Greensboro has successfully brought together 15 agencies in one place to provide victims with easier access to comprehensive resources through a coordinated collaborative effort. This partnership provides hope and healing to victims of abuse and works diligently to hold offenders accountable;

WHEREAS, since opening the Guilford County Family Justice Center in mid-June of 2015, over 20,000 citizens in crisis have been served, and Greensboro has seen about an 88% reduction in domestic violence related homicides;

WHEREAS, by working together and promoting awareness in the community we can restore hope, stop the violence, and make our community safer for everyone.

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

That it does hereby declares the month of October 2018, 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.