



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-62

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging. Children who witness domestic violence are at increased risk of experiencing long-term behavioral and emotional problems, and the cycle of abuse can continue across generations if left unaddressed; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children of varying socio-economic backgrounds are exposed to domestic violence every year; and 1 out of every 10 teenagers are physically hurt by someone they are dating; and

WHEREAS, this year's campaign theme, "With Survivors, Always" focuses on partnership with survivors, advocating for their safety and rights, and demonstrating ongoing support through solidarity; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Abused Persons (CAP) is dedicated to reducing the prevalence and impact of interpersonal violence within Charles County. Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for residents to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim the month of OCTOBER 2025, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Charles County and encourage residents to stand in solidarity with survivors, support prevention efforts, and help break the cycle of abuse in our homes and communities.

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