

## Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse including abuse of children and the elderly, and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial, and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence themselves have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in recognition of the important work done by Domestic Violence Programs, such as SAAFE House, I do hereby proclaim the month of October to be

## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

In Polk County, and I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward eradicating domestic violence, improving victim safety, and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

Proclaimed and signed this 10th day of October 2023.

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