

Proclamation

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month” October 2024

Whereas, over the course of their lives, one in three women will experience domestic violence; one in every four women will experience sexual assault; one in seven men are the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and transgender individuals are approximately two times more likely to experience physical domestic violence; and,

Whereas, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and 7 million children live in families in which severe intimate partner violence occurred; and,

Whereas, in 2022, 39 individuals were murdered in Colorado by an intimate partner and there were an additional 22 collateral fatalities during domestic violence incidents including six children ages 16 and under; and,

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels, though some groups are at higher risk of experiencing violence from an intimate partner; and,

Whereas, the crimes of domestic and sexual violence violate an individual’s privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and,

Whereas, victims of domestic violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, emergency and transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can safely escape the cycle of abuse; and,

Whereas, we encourage domestic and sexual violence victims and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims’ services organizations such as the dedicated systems and non-profit based victim advocates in Adams County; and,

Whereas, the 17th Judicial District Domestic Violence High Risk Team, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic and sexual violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and,

Whereas, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim services to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence and their families; and,

Whereas, Adams County, Colorado, has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence, address its brutal and destructive effects and make ending domestic violence a local priority.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims October 2024 as

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and urges all residents to actively support first responders, victims of crime and their service providers in our community, and to work towards the elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed October 8, 2024.