

Ashe County Board of Commissioners
2016 Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Proclamation

WHEREAS, we take this month to recognize that the physical, psychological, and emotional scars of domestic violence are far reaching and affect individuals from all walks of life, regardless of age, ability, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, or circumstance; and

WHEREAS, the statistics remain that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience acts of domestic violence and that the children exposed and subjected to these acts are dramatically affected with vastly far-reaching consequences; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate ourselves and, in turn, others, in order to change that statistic and bring health and safety to our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, to begin this shift we must be bold in condemning these acts and swift to hold perpetrators who commit acts of violence fully responsible for their actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Ashe County Board of Commissioners that the month of October 2016 be recognized as “**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**” in Ashe County; and we call on all Ashe County residents to speak out against domestic violence and support local, statewide, and national efforts to assist survivors of these crimes in finding the justice, help, and healing they need and deserve.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Commissioners pledge themselves and ask our fellow citizens to pledge, not just throughout this month, but always, to ensure that every survivor of domestic violence knows they are not alone, and to foster supportive communities in efforts to help survivors in seeking justice and enjoying full and healthy lives for themselves and future generations.

ADOPTED this 24th day of October, 2016.

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Rose, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board