

**RESOLUTION NO.
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,
COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH & PURPLE THURSDAY DURING OCTOBER 2024**

Whereas, October is known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an annual campaign that raises awareness about the impacts of intimate partner violence and its consequences, while signifying to survivors that they are not alone; and,

Whereas, one in three women and one in nine men will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; the highest incidence occurring between the ages of 16 and 24, entering a cycle of violence that is hard to escape alone; and,

Whereas, 1 in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence and 90% of these children witness the abuse; children who witness domestic violence are at an increased risk for post-traumatic stress disorder, aggressive behavior, anxiety, impaired development, difficulty interacting with peers, academic problems, and have a higher incidence of substance abuse; and,

Whereas, 489 families were referred to the Douglas County child welfare department to date in 2024 with primary concerns related to domestic violence; and,

Whereas, in 2023, the Crisis Center served 324 Douglas county adults and children in need of domestic violence services; and,

Whereas, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, education and income levels; encompassing various forms of abuse, including physical, emotional, and sexual violence; and,

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity; and,

Whereas, everyone has the right to have healthy relationships, have access to trauma informed services and education that affirms that domestic violence is not acceptable; and,

Whereas, survivors of domestic violence deserve our support, compassion, and resources to rebuild their lives in a safe and healthy environment;

Whereas, providing trauma informed services to survivors is critical in eliminating domestic violence, and that obligation falls on the entire community and needs to be a local priority. **We encourage all members of our community to engage in conversations, support local advocacy efforts, and stand in solidarity with survivors. Together, we can make a difference and work towards a future where everyone feels safe and valued.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO, hereby proclaim that October 2024, shall be commemorated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that October 17th, 2024, be commemorated as Purple Thursday in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED This 8TH day of October 2024, in Douglas County, Colorado.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS,
COLORADO**

BY: _____

George Teal, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Hall, Deputy Clerk to the Board