



Proclamation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that domestic violence is widespread and has public-health implications for every community member of Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County joins the State of North Carolina in recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, consistent with the Governor's statewide proclamation; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes a spectrum of abusive behaviors—physical, emotional, psychological, financial, sexual, and digital—that affect people of every age, identity, background, and neighborhood, and the consequences reverberate through families, schools, workplaces, faith communities, and the broader economy; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County is committed to educating our community about preventing domestic violence, promoting healthy relationships, and supporting survivors with trauma-informed services and pathways to safety; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can reduce domestic violence in Jackson County through prevention education, increased awareness, accessible services, and holding people who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, Jackson County strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners—including the Center for Domestic Peace—to engage residents in prevention, to connect survivors with help, and to strengthen accountability across all systems; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout this County, and urges all people of Jackson County to learn more about domestic violence, to support survivors and their families, and to commit themselves to the community goal that everyone in Jackson County can live free from violence.

Date: October 07, 2025

Attest:

By:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board

Mark A. Letson, Chairman