

BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, genders, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects more than ten million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the Nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and nonproductivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN **REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED**, that October 2024, is hereby set aside as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Baldwin County, Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, to be affixed on this the 15th day of October 2024.

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Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie

Vice Chairman

Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood Chairman

Commissioner Charles F. Gruber