



**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 non-productivity; 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 15th day of October  
2024.*

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Commissioner James E. Ball

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Commissioner Matthew P. McKenzie  
Vice Chairman

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Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood  
Chairman

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Commissioner Charles F. Gruber