



**BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2019, 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 four 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 we hereby set aside October 2019, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge the citizens of Baldwin County, Alabama, to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.



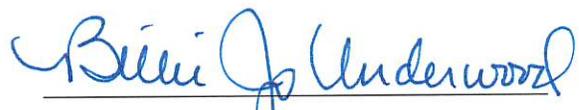
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County of Baldwin to be affixed at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 15th day of October, 2019.



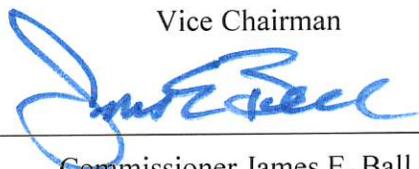
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