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Commissioners:

I am Rhyan Ervin, Executive Director of The Lighthouse - your local domestic violence and sexual assault program.

I bring you greetings from the Staff, Board of Directors and the victims, survivors + thrivers we serve.

Thank you for this proclamation. Thank you for recognizing the value of domestic violence services. Thank you for the opportunity to come and share w/ you today.

Last month, The Lighthouse recognized 24 years of service to the community. We know we can not provide the life services we provide w/out the support of the community.

The Lighthouse provides safe shelter, crisis intervention, a 24 hour crisis line, court advocacy, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, children's services, community education, and hospital response for victims of sexual assault. We serve between 1400 - 1700 victims, survivors, and thrivers of domestic violence and sexual assault a year.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we ask the community to join in a bike ride sponsored by the Guardians Against Abuse on

Oct 20th in Foley. We ask the community to
have in a Day of Remembrance on Oct 21st
and join w/ your families and organizations in
recognizing victims, survivors, and survivors of domestic
violence in your own personal ways. We ask
that you wear purple on Oct 18th during Call to Action
Week.

Please follow "The Lighthouse" on Facebook @abeacon
to see all of the wonderful things we're doing @
The Lighthouse and for updates on events.

Again, thank you for Proclaiming Oct Domestic
Violence Awareness Month in Baldwin County.

I would like to present each of you w/
a lapel pin to wear throughout Oct and anytime
thereafter to recognize victims, survivors and survivors
of domestic violence in our community.