

Proclamation No. 2019-15
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October 2019

WHEREAS, Domestic violence, also called intimate partner violence (IPV), domestic abuse or relationship abuse) is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence includes behaviors that physically harm, arouse fear, prevent a partner from doing what they wish or force them to behave in ways they do not want and it includes the use of physical and sexual violence, threats and intimidation, emotional abuse and economic deprivation; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence does not discriminate, regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion anyone can be a victim – or perpetrator – of domestic violence. It can happen to people who are married, living together or who are dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; 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 Awareness Month provides an 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 survivors of domestic violence.

WHEREAS, since 1985, SAFE, Inc. has been providing shelter, programs and services to people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence. In the last year SAFE, Inc. served **258** victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and provided shelter to **71** adults and **42** children. To this end, SAFE, Inc. invites all of us to support October 2019 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Brevard, North Carolina, the month of October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and urge the citizens of Brevard to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed on this 21st day of October, 2019.

Jimmy Harris
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jill Murray, CMC
City Clerk