

MOTION: BAILEY

**October 6, 2020
Regular Meeting:
Res. No. 20-684**

SECOND: BODDYE

RE: PROCLAIM – OCTOBER 2020 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, domestic violence has threatened families, schools, workplaces, and communities in Prince William County and across the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in nine men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking, considered and referred to as domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Police Department received over 7,500 domestic violence-related calls for service from families in our community last year; and

WHEREAS, the Lethality Assessment Program has served as a tool to officers to assess high danger, while partnering with Action in Community Through Service (ACTS) to provide on scene immediate victim services; and

WHEREAS, thirty-two percent (32%) of all homicides in Virginia are related to intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, one in fifteen American children are exposed to intimate partner violence yearly, and ninety percent (90%) of these children are eyewitnesses to the violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Programs in Virginia receive 40,000 family violence hotline calls and provides shelter to over 5,000 victims of domestic violence and their children each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby proclaims October 2020, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Prince William County, urging all citizens to support the efforts and activities of Action in Community Through Service, Domestic Violence Services, and the Greater Prince William Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Council. Together, we can end domestic violence in Prince William County.

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Votes:

Ayes: Angry, Bailey, Boddye, Franklin, Lawson, Wheeler

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: None

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Abstain form Vote: Candland, Vega

ATTEST: _____

Andrea P. Madden

Clerk to the Board