

**MOTION: BAILEY**

**October 5, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No. 21-536**

**SECOND: BODDYE**

**RE: PROCLAIM – OCTOBER 2021 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**WHEREAS**, anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, regardless of age, race, gender, or position in the family; and

**WHEREAS**, while the majority of intimate-partner violence victims are women, men are also victims of intimate partner violence as well; and

**WHEREAS**, over one-third of homicides occurring in Virginia are related to domestic violence, with women likely to be killed at the hands of an intimate partner, and men more likely to be killed as a bystander; and

**WHEREAS**, whether by a parent, sibling, spouse, or partner, domestic violence often threatens the physical health and mental wellbeing of its victims and can lead to anxiety, depression, and feelings of helplessness; and

**WHEREAS**, children who are exposed to intimate partner violence as witnesses have resulting trauma that can translate to behavioral and medical problems that can affect them for the rest of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Police Department receives over 7,000 crisis calls from families involved with domestic violence per year, with over 5,000 calls being received this year to date; and

**WHEREAS**, agencies like the Office Of Criminal Justice Services and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, have specialized programs and personnel to help the community handle instances of Domestic Violence in the greater Prince William area; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations in the community, like community partner, ACTS Domestic Violence Services (Turning Point), continue to be at the forefront of community healing from domestic violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County of Supervisors hereby proclaims October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby recognizes and stands in solidarity with the victims of domestic violence;

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby urges all residents to take advantage of the efforts and activities of the many departments and organizations in Prince William County dedicated to combatting instances of domestic violence within our community.

**Votes:**

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** None

**Abstain from Vote:** Candland, Vega

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

*Andrea P. Madden*

Clerk to the Board