

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, intimate partner domestic violence (IPV) is a pattern of abusive behavior used by one partner to maintain power and control over another. IPV is a serious and pervasive issue affecting people of every race, age, gender, socioeconomic background, education level and income bracket, and taking many forms including physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, psychological, technological and financial abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department reported 11 IPV-related homicides in 2024 – compared with 6 in 2023 and 2 in 2022. National statistics show that more than 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience intimate partner abuse in their lifetime, underscoring the urgency of continued prevention efforts and comprehensive support for victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, these statistics represent only a fraction of reported IPV incidents. Many individuals in our community experience the hidden and underreported impacts of IPV, often suffering in silence without access to the resources, support, or safety they need; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence includes willful patterns of behavior meant to intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound another person. IPV is long-term and far-reaching with profound implications for public health and safety, economic stability, child development, mental health, and the perpetuation of generational cycles of abuse; and

WHEREAS, communities nationwide recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, and the addition of a dedicated Domestic Violence Survivors Day creates a unique opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate the courage of victims and survivors. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month and beyond, we reaffirm our commitment to ending IPV and supporting those affected by abuse.

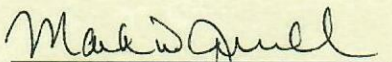
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, does hereby proclaim October 2025 and October 12, 2025, respectively, as

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” & “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS DAY”

in Mecklenburg County and encourages all residents to join in honoring survivors, supporting victims, and committing to a future free from IPV. The 2nd annual Domestic Violence Empowerment Walk, organized by survivor Shanté Cotton in partnership with Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 1:30 PM at Pineville Lake Park. This important event seeks to honor lives lost to intimate partner violence, empower survivors, and recognize their resilience and strength, while raising awareness about the ongoing needs and challenges faced by individuals and families in our community.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of Mecklenburg County.

Dated this 7th day of October 2025



Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

