

PROCLAMATION

City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men will be victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; 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 costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police, court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated effort can hope to slow this epidemic in our community and bring relief to its victims; and


WHEREAS, a domestic violence awareness month would provide an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn about preventing domestic violence, to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims, and to help raise awareness of these services in an effort to extend a life line to survivors:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and Ella B. Scarborough, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.



Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor
City of Charlotte



Ella B. Scarborough, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County
Commissioners

