

PROCLAMATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2026

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is observed nationally in October to raise awareness, support survivors, provide education to break the cycle of domestic violence and to honor lives lost to domestic violence.

WHEREAS domestic violence is a serious issue that affects individuals and families in every community, regardless of who they are or where they come from; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can take many forms, including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, and financial abuse, and it leaves long-lasting trauma and challenges for survivors and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the effects of domestic violence extend beyond the immediate victims, impacting children, families, neighborhoods, and society at large; and

WHEREAS Barbour County is committed to fostering safe communities where individuals and families can live free from violence, abuse, and fear; and

WHEREAS Centers Against Violence (formerly Women's Aid In Crisis) are hosting events to raise awareness and funds to support their work to end the cycle of domestic violence.

WHEREAS, Barbour County supports and encourages efforts by community agencies, volunteers and citizens to raise awareness, support survivors, provide education to break the cycle of domestic violence and to honor lives lost to domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION does hereby proclaim October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encourages all county officials, employees, community agencies and residents to cooperate in the effort to raise awareness about the issue and the availability of community resources to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Dated this the 16 day of October, 2026.



President, County Commission