

A RESOLUTION

NO.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Commission on Family Violence defines domestic violence as "a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner"; and

WHEREAS, common abusive tactics include physical violence, sexual violence, isolation, economic abuse, emotional abuse, intimidation, reproductive coercion and stalking; and

WHEREAS, 166 Georgia citizens lost their lives due to domestic violence in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Georgia was ranked 10th highest in the nation for its rate of men killing women in 2019; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1/3 of women in Georgia experience the terrorizing effects of domestic violence in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, studies show that domestic violence is committed primarily by men against women, however, women and men in same-sex relationships experience domestic violence at the same rates as heterosexual women; and

WHEREAS, relationship violence amongst teens is an extensive problem. Georgia has been ranked #1 in the nation in teen dating violence; and

WHEREAS, there were 26 domestic violence murder-suicides in 2019, leaving behind hundreds of family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, in 37% of the cases studied through Georgia's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project, children witnessed the domestic violence homicide; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Domestic Violence Roundtable, Inc. is to provide a coordinated community response to domestic violence; objectives are to educate and provide leadership to the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit to effectively respond to the issues associated with domestic violence; and the commitment is to end the cycle of domestic violence by acting as a referral organization for victims of abuse to ensure that they have access to resources and other useful information; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Roundtable, Inc.'s focus is on increasing victim safety and offender accountability, through the coordinated community efforts of domestic violence agencies, rape crisis centers, legal aid, survivors of family violence, law enforcement agencies, court administrators, concerned community members and professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Roundtable, Inc. urges all citizens to remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and this Council urges all citizens to remember the victims of domestic

violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate family violence from the Columbus community.

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby express our deep appreciation to the Domestic Violence Roundtable board members and volunteers and applaud their efforts in combatting domestic violence in Columbus, Georgia and around the globe.

Let a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Chairperson of the Domestic Violence Roundtable, Inc.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of September, 2020, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____.
Councilor Davis	voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____.
Councilor House	voting	_____.
Councilor Huff	voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson	voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____.

SANDRA T. DAVIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

B.H. "SKIP" HENDERSON, III
MAYOR