

**PROCLAMATION of
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
in EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA**

October 2024



In the County of Effingham, Georgia in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, I urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Effingham County Victim Witness Assistance Program and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence.

WHEREAS, in just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 9,000 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs;

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and discrimination based on physical ability, nationality or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult for some victims;

WHEREAS, the need for safe house continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

WHEREAS, Rincon joins with others across Georgia and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Effingham County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – each whose “#1Thing” adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wesley Corbitt, Chairman at Large of Effingham County, Georgia, hereby do proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



Chairman Wesley Corbitt
Effingham County, Georgia