



Proclamation

Recognition of the Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2024

Whereas, launched nationwide in October 1987, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues while raising awareness for those issues; and

Whereas, domestic violence affects millions of people in the United States, causing significant harm to the physical, mental and emotional health of survivors and their families. It undermines their economic stability and over all well-being, is a tarnish on the conscience of our community; and

Whereas, domestic violence does not discriminate and touches all demographics of Elbert County regardless of age, race, disability, gender, or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas, we honor the tremendous dedication of advocates and service providers, honor the courage and resilience of survivors, and commit ourselves to standing with them for safety, dignity, and justice; and

Whereas, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence, and

Whereas, we call upon the Town of Elizabeth community to speak out against domestic violence and support efforts to educate residents about healthy relationships centered upon respect; support the efforts of victim advocates, service providers, health care providers, and the legal system, as well as the leadership of survivors, in working to end domestic violence.

THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Town of Elizabeth Mayor and Trustees that we: do hereby officially recognize and designate October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Town of Elizabeth and sincerely thank all participants for their contribution.

Tammy Payne, Mayor