



## **A PROCLAMATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Millions of Americans face physical and emotional abuse at the hands of their significant other each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence defined as abusive behavior in a personal relationship, and in a lifetime 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience severe violence at the hands of an intimate partner; and

**WHEREAS**, These crimes violate an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, making it all the more important for state, local, and community partners to work to eliminate this type of abuse and to provide necessary services, including emergency shelter, advocacy education, awareness and resources to ensure that all victims are empowered to achieve self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence can affect anyone regardless of their age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status, leaving an impact on thousands of individuals and families across North Carolina over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Organizations across North Carolina are working to end domestic violence and provide the support survivors need to find their voice, while law enforcement remains committed to ensuring justice is served to individuals who harm those who trust them; now

**THEREFORE**, I, David Phillips, Mayor of the Town of Pineville, do hereby proclaim October 2025, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Pineville, North Carolina.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

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Mayor David Phillips