

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 21, 2020

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH, IN EATON COUNTY AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

Introduced by Commissioner Jeanne Pearl-Wright

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Piercefield.

Whereas, Spanning centuries, cultures and continents, domestic violence is a tragic epidemic that has devastating effects on countless women, men and children; and

Whereas, Domestic Violence is the intentional and patterned use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic coercion and abuse; and

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year; and

Whereas, every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant; and

Whereas, it is estimated that between 3.3 million and 10 million children in the United States are exposed to adult domestic violence each year; and

Whereas, Domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, security and humanity; and

Whereas, the State of Michigan is committed to taking a firm position against domestic violence and will remain focused on ensuring that all people, especially the most vulnerable, are safe in their homes and abusers are held accountable for their crimes; and

Whereas, Domestic Violence Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about domestic violence issues and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, services and assistance to domestic violence victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners recognizes October 2020 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and encourages all Eaton County residents to join in the efforts to help bring an end to intimate partner violence.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Rob Piercefield, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Brandon Haskell, Joseph Brehler, Glenn Freeman, Brian Droscha, Matthew S. Bowen, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott and Barbara Rogers. Nays: None. Carried.