

## PROCLAMATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

## OCTOBER 2020

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes not only physical abuse, but also mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, isolation, and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe intimate partner physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there were 57 homicides attributed to domestic violence in North Carolina in 2019, and 44 to date already in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden recognizes the significant impact of domestic violence on individuals, families, children, schools, and workplaces in our community; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can raise awareness and break the cycle of violence in order to build communities that are safe for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October, 2020 as "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH", and commend its observance to all citizens.

This, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

Tom White, Chairman

Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Karen M. Davis

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners