

RESOLUTION 275(24)

September 25, 2024

WHEREAS, Every October, organizations and individuals unite across the country for a national effort to uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of survivors. Congress declared the month of **October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in 1989. Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence;

WHEREAS, in 2024 the National Call for Unity is an opportunity for **“Connective Action”** around the DVAM 2024 theme, Heal, Hold & Center. This is an intentional pause and moment of recognition and togetherness for advocates and survivors across the country.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men; Also, women abused by their intimate partners are more vulnerable to contracting HIV or other STI’s due to forced intercourse or prolonged exposure to stress; and

WHEREAS, physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death; and


WHEREAS, domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning; and

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a time to remind victims that it is possible to escape their abuser, change their circumstances, and to find the help they need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaims October 2024 as **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Ocean County to increase awareness of the dangers and issues associated with domestic violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and made available for participating municipalities and to other interested individuals on the Ocean County Health Department website.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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