



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

# Proclamation

## PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2025 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects millions of people, with one in three women and one in seven men experiencing severe physical violence by an intimate partner, and one in four women experiencing sexual assault during their lifetime; and,

**WHEREAS**, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence annually, with 7 million living in families where severe intimate partner violence has occurred, resulting in long-term trauma and developmental impacts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated domestic violence with an 8.1% nationwide increase as isolation, economic stress, and limited access to support services created additional barriers for victims; and,

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence transcends all boundaries of race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion, and geographic location; and,

**WHEREAS**, domestic and sexual violence are serious crimes that violate fundamental rights to privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse; and,

**WHEREAS**, survivors deserve comprehensive, trauma-informed support including safety planning, medical care, legal advocacy, counseling, housing, economic empowerment, and culturally responsive services; and,

**WHEREAS**, we encourage survivors and their loved ones to seek assistance from victim services organizations and advocates throughout Arapahoe County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Arapahoe County provides accessible resources including safety planning, bystander intervention training, prevention education, and community awareness initiatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, effective response requires collaboration among law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, healthcare providers, schools, faith communities, employers, victim service organizations, and community members; and,

**WHEREAS**, prevention must address root causes including harmful social norms and inequality while promoting healthy relationships, consent education, and community resilience; and,

**WHEREAS**, Arapahoe County recognizes our obligation to prevent domestic violence, support survivors, hold perpetrators accountable, and create communities free from fear and violence; and,

**WHEREAS**, October is a crucial time to unite in raising awareness, supporting survivors, and committing to lasting change.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners proclaims October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and calls upon all residents, businesses, organizations, and community leaders to:

- Participate in awareness and prevention activities
- Learn about warning signs and available resources
- Support survivors with compassion and respect
- Challenge attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate violence
- Advocate for policies and funding that strengthen community response
- Work together to build a county where every person can live safely and thrive

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