

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida

- Whereas,** domestic violence is a serious, widespread issue that affects individuals in every community regardless of age, race, income or education level, and leaves a lasting impact on survivors, families and communities; and
- Whereas,** more than one in three women and one in four men in the United States have experienced physical violence, threats or abuse from an intimate partner during their lifetimes; and
- Whereas,** Safety, Support, Solidarity is the theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2025, uniting communities nationwide and here on the Treasure Coast in standing #WithSurvivors; and
- Whereas,** SafeSpace is the only certified domestic violence center serving Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties, providing lifesaving services such as 24/7 shelter, a confidential hotline, legal advocacy, children’s programs and financial empowerment to help survivors achieve safety and stability; and
- Whereas,** it is vital to recognize the importance of SafeSpace’s work and to encourage community members to take action by raising awareness, learning the signs of abuse and offering compassionate support to survivors.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Martin County, Florida. Further, the Board stands in Safety, Support and Solidarity, and encourages all residents to join SafeSpace in supporting survivors, honoring their courage and committing to end domestic violence.

Presented this Twenty-first Day of October 2025

ATTEST:

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