

**2022 RES-220**  
**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched nationally in October of 1989 to connect individuals and organizations working on domestic violence issues and to raise awareness of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, 80 people in Wisconsin lost their lives to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical abuse by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a public health crisis and impacts people regardless of socio-economic status, race, gender, ethnicity, or sexuality; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence experience immediate and long-term negative outcomes, including detrimental effects on mental and physical health; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1977 Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) has worked to make Dane County a safer, more just, more equitable place for people who have experienced domestic violence, their children, and the people who love them; and

**WHEREAS**, DAIS operates the only domestic violence shelter in Dane County; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone deserves relationships free from domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, people are encouraged to wear purple throughout the month of October to show their support to those who have experienced domestic violence and to let them know help is available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors appreciates the tireless work of countless community members, organizations, and advocates providing services, support, and strength to those impacted by domestic violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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Patrick Miles, Chair  
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Scott McDonell,  
Dane County Clerk