October 2025
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Proclamation

We, the Polk County Board of Commissioners, are honored to join the citizens of Polk County in thanking advocacy groups, volunteers, law enforcement, and other emergency personnel who have devoted many hours to safety, prevention and ultimately putting an end to Domestic Violence in Polk County.

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is an intolerable offense against human dignity that shatters the lives and families of those touched by violence; resulting ultimately in lifelong feelings of despair and helplessness.

WHEREAS, Over 1 in 3 women (35.6%) and 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the US have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

WHEREAS, October has been formally recognized as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month", allowing communities to acknowledge and show their support for the victims and their families of these heinous crimes.

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

WHEREAS, through community prevention and intervention Polk County can work together to end this violence and protect the citizens of Polk County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Polk County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and calls upon all Polk County citizens, medical facilities, community agencies, businesses, elected leaders and faith groups to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby working together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Adopted this on the 8th day of October 2025.

Attest:

Polk County Board of Commissioners

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Kennedy Freeman
Clerk to the Board

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Myron Yoder
Chairman