Proclamation

Proclamation of Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Month

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that violates an individual's safety and dignity through emotional, psychological, physical, sexual, and economic abuse, affecting people of all backgrounds regardless of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 24 people per minute in the United States experience rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner, and the effects extend beyond survivors to impact children, families, and entire communities; and

WHEREAS, intersecting factors such as race, gender, age, ability, and language can increase vulnerability and isolation for survivors, underscoring the need for compassion, accountability, and equitable access to resources and support; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity to honor survivors, recognize the dedication of those working to end abuse, and reaffirm our community's commitment to prevention and healing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Council of Black Mountain designates October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges all residents to speak out against abuse, support survivors, and learn more about local resources available to those affected.

This the 13th day of October 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk