PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-20

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2024

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence alone affects more than 12 million people every year; and

WHEREAS, an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States – more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year; and

WHEREAS, nationally one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, almost half of all women and men in the US have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner In their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, women ages 18 to 34 generally experience the highest rates of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, current or former intimate partners accounted for nearly 33% of women killed in US workplaces between 2003 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a gun in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by 500%; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard recognizes the significant impact domestic violence has on Transylvania County individuals, families, children, schools, workplaces, and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can build a community where intimate partner violence is not tolerated and all individuals can be safe, feel respected, and live free from abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of the City of Brevard hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as **"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"** in the City of Brevard and urge the citizens of Brevard to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community, to keep our community members safe from this crime and to stand with survivors and victims of domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2024.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

Attest:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk