CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

Proclamation

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
October 2026

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of individuals across the nation regardless of age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status; 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 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, leaving deep emotional and physical scars; 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 account for roughly one-quarter of women killed in US workplaces; and

WHEREAS, community partners, local shelters, and law enforcement play a vital role in providing safe housing, crisis intervention, and justice for victims; 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 2026 as **"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"** in the City of Brevard. I call upon all citizens, community agencies, and health professionals to actively participate in supporting survivors and working together to end domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed this 5th day of October, 2026.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:
Denise Hodsdon, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

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