

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects more than 12 million men and women in the United States each year and an average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, and the crime does not know race, age, gender, or income, with effects that can be felt in all facets of society, here in Clay County, and across the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, victim advocates, allied professionals, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and the surrounding community come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence, celebrate the progress that has been made to end this epidemic, and connect with others working to create change; and

**WHEREAS**, each day across the U.S. more than 79,000 victims of domestic violence seek services from domestic violence programs and shelters that can mean the difference between life and death, provide a way to escape, and give survivors a chance for a new life; and

**WHEREAS**, This October, Clay County joins counties across Florida and the Nation in supporting survivors of domestic violence and commends local domestic violence support organizations like Quigley House and the dedicated staff working every day to educate, equip, and empower survivors with the resources they need to create a life free of violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, does hereby proclaim October 2024, as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN CLAY COUNTY**

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida this 8th day of October 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Tara S. Green  
Clerk of Court & Comptroller  
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

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