

DURHAM BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH | 2025

- WHEREAS,** domestic violence is one of the most urgent public health and safety issues in our nation, impacting people of every age, race, gender, and background; and
- WHEREAS,** survivors face lasting emotional, physical, and financial harm; and their courage to break silence calls us to respond with compassion and justice; and
- WHEREAS,** in the United States, more than 10 million adults experience domestic violence each year, underscoring the widespread and devastating reach of this crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** in Durham County, nearly two in five women murdered lose their lives at the hands of an intimate partner, showing the deadly consequences of this crisis; and
- WHEREAS,** Durham County is committed to leading with courage, compassion, and collaboration to break the cycle of domestic violence and ensure safety for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Shining Light In Darkness, a survivor-led organization based in Durham, provides life-saving crisis response, advocacy, counseling, housing coordination, education, and community support to help survivors rebuild their lives with dignity and strength; and
- WHEREAS,** Shining Light In Darkness works closely with schools, faith leaders, law enforcement, and community partners to prevent violence, uplift survivor voices, and expand pathways to healing and hope; and
- WHEREAS,** October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to honor survivors, remember those we have lost, and recommit to building homes and communities free from fear.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Nida Allam, Chair and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025, as

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Durham County and commend Shining Light In Darkness for their unwavering dedication to bringing hope, healing, and safety to survivors and families in our community. Let us join together to end domestic violence and build a Durham where every home is safe and every person is free.

This 13th day of October 2025.

Nida Allam, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

