

**PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Hendricks County says, “NO MORE”, to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Hendricks County is dedicated to peace in our homes and family is the foundation of a safe and healthy community. We will not tolerate the use of power and control in the name of love. It is a goal of this administration for our communities to be safe; and

WHEREAS, Hendricks County will stand alongside domestic violence advocates, family support providers, law enforcement, health care, and our criminal justice system as they hold offenders accountable and provide care and support to survivors. This includes housing, advocacy, and life skills resources; and

WHEREAS, we believe we must continue to educate young people about healthy relationships to stop the violence before it starts. We support all efforts to do so; and

WHEREAS, we will all become active bystanders. We will no longer silently observe from the sidelines, but instead reach out to friends and loved ones who are suffering; and

WHEREAS, we encourage the residents of Hendricks County to get educated about domestic violence and sexual assault by attending awareness activities during the month of October and by visiting www.shelteringwings.org.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the impact that domestic violence has on the health and wellbeing of our community, we, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hendricks, Indiana do hereby proclaim October 2018 as:

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

and are committed to reducing violence and increasing awareness of domestic violence in our community. We urge all citizens to take action to end domestic violence by supporting community efforts to assist victims and survivors. Please remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence; those who continue to struggle to break free, and those who have found freedom. As a community we are ready to stand together and say, “NO MORE”!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hendricks, Indiana have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Hendricks County, Indiana to be affixed this 25th day of September 2018.



Matthew D. Whetstone, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

Bob Gentry, Member