

MARSHALL COUNTY, IOWA
PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marshall County

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness to this staggering problem, encourage reporting of violent offenses, and support advocacy efforts in our communities;

WHEREAS, according to Break the Silence, it is estimated that more than 10 million adults experience domestic violence in the U.S. each year;

WHEREAS, 1 in every 3 teenagers, 1 in every 4 women, and 1 in every 6 men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime;

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 members of the LGBT community will experience domestic violence in their lifetime;

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;

WHEREAS, most domestic violence incidents are never reported;

WHEREAS, the United Nations has identified the home as the most dangerous place for a woman;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women – more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined;

WHEREAS, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 42.0% of women in the United States reported experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and 49.4% reported psychological aggression by an intimate partner;

WHEREAS, women aged 16 – 24 are most likely to be victimized by an intimate partner;

WHEREAS, according to The Family Violence Prevention Fund, 15.9 percent of pregnant women are victims of Intimate Partner Violence; (Access)

WHEREAS, according to Break the Silence, 50% of female murder victims in the U.S. are killed by intimate partners;

WHEREAS, more than 3 and up to 10 million children witness domestic violence in their homes every year;

WHEREAS, boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults;

WHEREAS, we as a county encourage survivors and their families to seek assistance from appropriate survivor services organizations, including ACCESS, LUNA, and other local programs and state coalitions;

WHEREAS, the Iowa Domestic Violence Helpline is 1-800-770-1650 and the ACCESS Crisis Hotline is 1-855-983-4641;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the importance of the compassion and dedication of individuals who serve survivors of domestic violence and their families, including local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, criminal and juvenile justice agencies, health care providers, law enforcement, allied professionals, and survivor services organizations;

WHEREAS, our community **must** make ending domestic violence a priority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Marshall County Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marshall County and urge our citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence and supporting those who are working toward its end.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2026

Chair, Board of Supervisors