

Proclamation Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence can be of any age, race, religion, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, statistically 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, CAV has served 1098 survivors of violence and provided over 13,000 services in their 6 county area just in the past year: and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October allows us to advance efforts to prevent and end domestic violence and to assist all victims of it; and

WHEREAS, we can all work together to help end domestic violence and the harm that it causes to everyone;

Being that therefore, I, <u>New Wecks</u>) on behalf of the Barbour County Commission do hereby proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Barbour County and urge all citizens to stand up and speak out to prevent domestic violence.

