

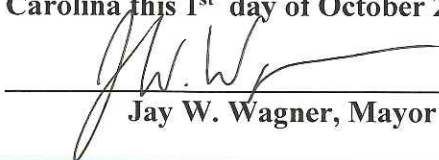
Office of the Mayor  
City of High Point  
North Carolina

# PROCLAMATION...

- WHEREAS,** during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to creating a culture of safety and hope in our community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship caused by domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief. And is rooted in a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion and violence to gain power over his or her partner; and
- WHEREAS,** physical marks and scars are often the most obvious sings of harm caused by domestic violence, however the extent of the pain goes much deeper and can impact one's mental, physical, emotional, and financial health; and
- WHEREAS,** the national average shows that more than three individuals are murdered every day by an intimate partner. In 2017, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that 79 women, men, and children were murdered in domestic violence-related homicides in our state; with Guilford County reporting 5 domestic violence related deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** Family Service of the Piedmont responded to approximately 3,100 crisis line calls in the last fiscal year; and collectively the Greensboro Police Department, High Point Police Department, and the Guilford County Sheriff's Office reported over 19,000 calls for service involving domestic and/or sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS,** children who witness domestic violence are more likely to transmit violent behavior from one generation to the next and are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems, and
- WHEREAS,** in a community partnership, the Guilford County Family Justice Center (FJC) will expand existing partnerships and open a Family Justice Center in High Point this month to bring together a multitude of agencies in one place to provide child, adult, and elder abuse victims with easier access to comprehensive resources, while holding offenders accountable; and
- WHEREAS,** by working together and promoting awareness in this community we can restore hope, stop the violence, and make our community safer for everyone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the High Point City Council that it does hereby proclaim October 2018, as "**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**", and urges citizens to increase their awareness and education of this destructive force which deeply affects many families in our State and local community each year, and to become part of the efforts to stop violence in families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of High Point, North Carolina this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2018.

  
Jay W. Wagner, Mayor

