

Press Release

Routt County Proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO, October 11, 2022 – Today, the Routt County Commissioners proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to help increase awareness and education in the community.

Graham Hackett of the non-profit [Advocates of Routt County](#) shared with the Commissioners, “I’m looking forward to not having to do these proclamations anymore. The concern is that we are backsliding... during the COVID era we experienced a 71% spike in crisis calls on our confidential safe line. Unfortunately, despite the fact that the pandemic has subsided, these rates did not return to pre-pandemic levels. Which means we are facing an increase in crisis calls in general. This is a fairly urgent call to action... Thank you so much for bringing attention to this and for co-signing the proclamation with Advocates. We really appreciate the support for survivors in our community.”

Commissioner Tim Corrigan added, “I’m glad that we are able to do this little thing here. It’s not a big deal for us to do this and I agree with you that it’s frustrating that we have to keep on doing it. Like so many things, we find ourselves trying to mitigate harm when we can’t seem to figure out how to get to the root cause and deal with that. So, I am sure to whatever extent that we can help identify some of those root causes and work to ameliorate them, we are certainly happy to partner with you.”

The proclamation reads:

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS DOMSTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN ROUTT COUNTY

WHEREAS, many individuals - regardless of age, ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, circumstance, and/or race - face the pain and fear of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, a large number of domestic violence incidents go unreported by survivors who experience fear of repercussions, threats of future violence,

denial, guilt, shame, and /or fear of a negative response from their community;
and

WHEREAS, the impacts on victims who experience domestic violence include bodily injury; emotional trauma, fear and concern for safety; post-traumatic stress or other disorders; inability to attend work or school; the sudden need for housing, legal services, and other support; and, in some cases, permanent disability or death; and

WHEREAS, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we expose this recurring violation of the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse;
and

WHEREAS, we pledge to ensure every victim of domestic violence knows they are not alone, pledge to foster a supportive community that seeks to effectively prevent and respond relationship violence, and pledge to contribute to the ongoing movement to end domestic violence altogether.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Routt County, Colorado that October 2022 is proclaimed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Routt County.

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