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Domestic Violence Action Month Proclamation - 2023

Whereas, domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across Cumberland County, the United States and the world with implications for personal and community health; and

Whereas, domestic violence does not discriminate and touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, or socioeconomic status; and

Whereas, in 2022, 14,199 people received help from the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence Resource Centers, and 42% had at least one child in the home; and

Whereas, in 2022 Through These Doors, Cumberland County's Domestic Violence Resource Center, served 2,743 unduplicated individuals, received 8,442 helpline calls and provided 5,391 bed nights at shelter; and

Whereas, research shows that a protective factor in preventing domestic violence is creating a community where people are connected, supportive and care for each other; and

Whereas, every day in Cumberland County individuals and organizations play their part to support people impacted by domestic violence by providing therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services; and

Whereas, all of us can be the one to play a part in preventing and ending domestic violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland County Commissioners hereby proclaim **October 2023**, as **Domestic Violence Action Month** in Cumberland County.

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