

1 Introduced by Council Member Cumber and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Becton, Hazouri, Dennis, Newby, Ferraro, Boylan, Priestly
3 Jackson, Carlucci, White, Wilson, Morgan, Diamond, Bowman, Freeman,
4 Salem, Pittman, DeFoor, & R. Gaffney:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2019-739**

7 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
8 2019 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN
9 JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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11 **WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a crime and endangers the victims
12 of domestic violence, whether they are perpetrated against women, men
13 and children, and it is estimated that each year up to 9,000,000
14 individuals in the United States are victims of domestic violence; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2018 in Duval County, there were 7,105 domestic
16 violence crimes reported, and 13 people were killed in domestic
17 violence homicides. Children were present in five of the 2018 domestic
18 violence homicides, inflicting trauma which can have long-term
19 detrimental outcomes on their mental and physical health Domestic
20 violence is a cycle that must be broken; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Teen Dating Violence is domestic violence and can take
22 place in person or electronically, nationally 1 in 9 female high
23 school students reported experiencing dating violence in the past
24 year, and 26 percent of women who are victims of domestic violence in
25 adulthood experienced partner violence before the age of 18; and

26 **WHEREAS**, domestic violence affects women, men, and children
27 of every age and background, however women experience more domestic
28 violence than men; and are significantly more likely than men to be
29 injured during an assault by an intimate partner; and

30 **WHEREAS**, domestic violence can be physical, verbal, emotional,
31 economic and/or sexual abuse, and domestic violence is cited as a

1 significant factor in homelessness among families; and

2 **WHEREAS**, most domestic violence incidents are never reported and
3 the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, affecting families,
4 the criminal justice system, and society as a whole; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is vital for our community to support victims of
6 domestic violence, to provide resources to assist victims of domestic
7 violence, to impose legal sanctions on the perpetrators of domestic
8 violence, to eliminate the barriers which prevent victims from leaving
9 partners who are physically and/or emotionally destructive to them,
10 and to bring an end to domestic violence; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Hubbard House, the first domestic violence shelter in
12 the State of Florida, has been providing services to domestic violence
13 victims since 1976, and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office,
14 Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, the State Attorney's Office,
15 the 4th Judicial Circuit Court, and the Duval County Clerk of Courts
16 have played integral roles in supporting victims of domestic violence;
17 now therefore

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

19 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby designates the
20 month of October 2019, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
21 Jacksonville City Council commends Hubbard House, all domestic
22 violence victim advocates and service providers, and first responders
23 who put their lives at risk each day by responding to incidents of
24 domestic violence, for serving families and individuals with
25 compassionate support and for all efforts to assist and support
26 victims and survivors.

27 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
29 without the Mayor's signature.
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Form Approved:

/s/ *Margaret M. Sidman*

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