



## PROCLAMATION

### *Hope to Live Free of Abuse*

#### **A Proclamation of the San Juan County Council Proclaiming October 2024 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in San Juan County, Washington**

**WHEREAS**, October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a complex and pervasive social and public health crisis that effects individuals without regard to age, race, gender, education, religious, economic, or societal lines; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence can include physical violence, sexual assault, isolation from friends and family, and financial and psychological abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a public health issue that affects all of us in seen and unseen ways, and to address it, we must apply our collective attention and resources to help end the cycles of violence that feed into the myriad of other health issues affecting our neighbors, including homelessness, mental and behavioral health, and substance use disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, San Juan County is fortunate to have resources available to help individuals experiencing domestic violence find a path to safety, including a 24-hour domestic violence hotline (360-378-2345), a community-based domestic violence advocacy support program known as SAFE San Juans, responsive law enforcement and criminal justice support; access to quality services and assistance by health care and other social services professionals, and;

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is easily sustained by lack of awareness or indifference;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, the San Juan County Council, do hereby recognize on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024: the month of October 2024 in San Juan County as:

### ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

Let us show appropriate recognition and support for those who have experienced domestic violence and abuse. Furthermore, we encourage all San Juan County residents to recognize the signs of abuse and coercion to make this county a place where domestic violence does not exist.

Cindy Wolf, Chair  
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District 1