

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2021 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-126-2021
Proposed by Council Member Taveras
Introduced by Council Members Taveras, Hawkins, Turner, Glaros, Davis, Dernoga,
Harrison, Anderson-Walker, Ivey, and Franklin
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction October 26, 2021

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

3 For the purpose of recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and raising
4 awareness of the wide range of those impacted and the need to address, prevent and support
5 victims of domestic violence.

6 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) was launched nationwide in
7 October 1987 as a way to connect and unite individuals and organizations working on domestic
8 violence issues while raising awareness for those issues;

9 WHEREAS, over the past 30+ years, much progress has been made to support domestic
10 violence victims and survivors, to hold abusers accountable, and to create and update legislation
11 to further those goals; and

12 WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across Prince George's County,
13 the United States and the world with implications for personal and community health; and

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

16 WHEREAS, racism, homophobia, transphobia, ageism and discrimination based on
17 physical ability, non-citizenship status, documentation status, gender identity, language barriers,
18 or other factors help to perpetuate domestic violence and make finding safety even more difficult
19 for some victims;

20 WHEREAS, there have been, an average, 29,848 domestic violence-related crimes each
21 year and 60 domestic violence related homicides in Maryland since 2013; and

1 WHEREAS, according to the Maryland Network against Domestic Violence, 1 in 4
2 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced domestic violence; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2020, 56 Marylanders lost their lives to domestic violence, including 12
4 Prince Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, in the U.S. an average of three women will die as a result of domestic
6 violence each day. Approximately, one in four women and one in thirteen men will experience
7 domestic violence in their lifetime; and

8 WHEREAS, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected,
9 supportive and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence; and

10 WHEREAS, every day in Prince George’s County individuals and organizations play a
11 part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, providing services
12 including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services; and

13 WHEREAS, Prince George’s County joins with others across Maryland and the nation in
14 supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national
15 organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness
16 of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not
17 tolerated in Prince George’s County.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
19 County, Maryland, that October 2021 is recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness
20 Month .

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's County,
22 Maryland, acknowledges the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and
23 victim service providers and we urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities
24 and programs sponsored by Domestic Violence agencies and organizations so that we can
25 continue to be the catalyst for changing society to have a zero tolerance for domestic violence.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council