



**PROCLAMATION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

In Archuleta County, in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, the Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by Rise Above Violence to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence.

WHEREAS, in just one day, across the U.S. and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters. That same day, more than 9,000 requests for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation, could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and,

WHEREAS, in just one year 361 victims were served by Rise in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners join with Rise Above Violence in supporting victims and survivors and is committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Archuleta County; and,

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – each who can do one thing that adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Archuleta County do hereby proclaim October 2019 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Archuleta County.

Approved and Adopted in Pagosa Springs, Archuleta County, Colorado this 1st day of October, 2019.

Ronnie Maez, Chairman
Archuleta Board of County Commissioners