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**Hudson County Board of Commissioners Proclaim the month of  
October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

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***Hudson County-*** The Hudson County Board of Commissioners  
Proclaim the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness  
Month.

Over one million women and hundreds of thousands of men experience  
some form of domestic violence every year in the United States.

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery,  
sexual assault, and/ or other abusive behavior as part of a systemic pattern of  
power and control perpetrated by a current or former intimate partner,  
household member, and/ or an individual in a dating relationship against  
another.

According to the 2020 annual report on domestic violence by the New  
Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety, more than 63,000 domestic  
violence offenses were reported in the state of New Jersey, a 6 percent  
increase from 2019.

Domestic violence is a serious problem affecting people of all ages and

backgrounds, regardless of socio-economic status, ethnicity, or religious background.

Domestic violence involves physical, emotional, or mental violence or abuse between individuals in a familial or intimate relationship. Its effects include physical injury, psychological trauma, or in some cases even death.

A study has found that children who were exposed to domestic violence in their households were 15 times more likely to be physically or sexually assaulted in their lifetime than other children who were not exposed to domestic violence in their households.

Women are disproportionately targeted as victims of domestic violence, as one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in their lifetime with an average of more than three women being murdered by their partners in the United States every day.

Domestic violence has both an immediate and long-term negative impact on the health of victims and a myriad of health problems, including smoking, diabetes, obesity, eating disorders, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and substance abuse.

Purple-hued clothing is widely embraced as the promotion of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. High school athletes would go on to wear purple-colored socks as a symbol of solidarity for victims of domestic violence.

There is an urgent need to increase public awareness of domestic violence and the devastating effects on individuals, families, and communities to help prevent these atrocious acts.

Board Chairman Anthony Romano and the Hudson County Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of October 2023 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Hudson County. The school boards across Hudson County are encouraged to have all high school athletes wear purple-colored socks throughout the month of October.

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