



## **Domestic Violence**

- WHEREAS Domestic Violence hurts Alabama families, our children and our communities; and
- WHEREAS In 2015, 33,324 domestic violence simple assaults were reported in Alabama; and
- WHEREAS In 2015, 81% of the simple assault victims in Alabama were females and 19% were males. 51% of the assault victims in Alabama were black, and 49% were white; and; and
- WHEREAS The average battered woman leaves 7-8 times before permanently leaving a relationship; and
- WHEREAS There were 32 domestic homicides reported in Alabama in 2015; and
- WHEREAS 31 % of the homicide victims were males and 69 % were females. 56 % of the victims were black and 44 % were white; and
- WHEREAS The severity of adult domestic violence has been shown to be greater in cases where the violence began in adolescence; and
- WHEREAS Concerned citizens, organizations and communities throughout Alabama have implemented innovative and effective programs to raise awareness and to prevent domestic and dating violence; and
- WHEREAS The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) serves as the statewide professional association representing Alabama's 18 certified domestic violence shelters. These facilities provide emergency shelter, crisis counseling, clothes, food, court assistance, job training and a host of critical other services for domestic violence victims and their children; and
- WHEREAS By calling ACADV's hotline, 1-800-650-6522, the caller will automatically be directed to the closest domestic violence shelter; and
- WHEREAS Domestic Violence Awareness Month recognizes the impact of domestic violence on our families, encourages citizens and communities to work together to prevent domestic violence and promotes healthy, respectful relationships; and
- RESOLVED That ASNA will recognize October as domestic violence month;
- RESOLVED That the ASNA will publish an article in The Alabama Nurse related to Domestic Violence Awareness;

RESOLVED That ASNA will encourage each district to provide education on domestic violence and provide resources for individuals who are in need of services;

RESOLVED That ASNA will identify domestic violence resources and post resources on ASNA website to help individuals and families become more informed and educated concerning domestic violence awareness.

Reference:

<http://www.alea.gov/Documents/Documents/DomesticViolence2015>

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