## A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2012, AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN WASHTENAW COUNTY AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF SAFE HOUSE CENTER TO PROTECT SURVIVORS

## WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## October 17, 2012

WHEREAS, domestic violence can occur at anytime across Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, Safe House Center of Washtenaw County is responsible for helping and supporting the survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Safe House Center is a vital link for law enforcement responders by coordinating responding units, offering immediate aid, and providing safety and peace of mind to domestic violence survivors; and

WHEREAS, the prompt response of Safe House Center advocates is critical to the protection of life; and

WHEREAS, Safe House Center provided education and support services for over 6,000 citizens of Washtenaw County in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Safe House Center has mastered a wide array of services designed to educate, advocate, protect, and improve the lives of Washtenaw County citizens at their time of need and beyond; and

WHEREAS, those services include Counseling & Advocacy, Legal Advocacy Assistance, Outreach Assistance, Support Groups, and Children and Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers of Safe House Center have contributed substantially to quality of life for the survivors of domestic violence, as well as, their families; and

WHEREAS, each Safe House Center staff member and volunteer has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their duties over the past year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the month of October, 2012, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners joins in honoring the men and women of Safe House Center whose diligence and professionalism helps to keep Washtenaw County's survivors of domestic violence safe.