

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT FREEDOM FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A  
FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT AND THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS A  
RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTINUE SECURING THIS RIGHT ON BEHALF OF OUR  
CITIZENS

**WHEREAS**, according to the Utah Domestic Violence Council, one in three women and one in eight men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Utah Domestic Violence Council, 42% of homicides in the state of Utah are domestic violence related; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of domestic violence must deal with the effects of physical injuries, long-term psychological damage, financial instability, and trouble finding safe housing; and

**WHEREAS**, police and sheriff's departments, courts, cities, social service agencies, and other local government entities constitute a primary line of defense against domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, police and sheriff's departments, courts, cities, social service agencies, and other local government entities incur significant monetary costs due to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, world and U.S. leaders recognize that domestic violence is a human rights concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, adopted in 1993, recognizes the urgent need for the universal application to women of the rights and principles with regard to equality, security, liberty, integrity, and dignity of all human beings noting that "those rights and principles are enshrined in international instruments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights"; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights condemned violence and human rights violations against women in March, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, by recognizing that domestic violence is a human rights issue, the Garfield County Commission will raise awareness and enhance domestic violence education in communities, the public and private sectors, and within government agencies;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the legislative body of Garfield County, State of Utah resolves as follows:

Section 1: That Garfield County declares freedom from domestic violence is a fundamental human right.

Section 2: That Garfield County declares state and local governments bear a responsibility to continue securing freedom from domestic violence as a human right on behalf of their citizens.

APPROVED and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Leland F. Pollock  
Chairman, Garfield County Commission

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Camille A. Moore  
Garfield County Clerk/Auditor

Commissioner Pollock voted \_\_\_\_

Commissioner Tebbs voted \_\_\_\_

Commissioner Taylor voted \_\_\_\_