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## **Leon County Clerk Recognizes Survivors of Domestic Violence**

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Domestic violence affects thousands of Floridians each day, impacting both men and women. Throughout the month of October, our office will be observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in an effort to highlight the resources available to survivors of domestic violence.

This past year, our office has processed 1,533 applications for protective injunctions to help domestic violence survivors and other vulnerable populations stop abuse. Together with local law enforcement, we remain committed to ensuring survivors' safety and access to help when they need it.

“Navigating the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge for us all, but survivors of domestic violence are at an increased risk due to social distancing and quarantine measures,” said Clerk Marshall. “The safety of our residents is top priority, and I want to remind our community of the resources available to them.”

Although our office is experiencing new challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and impacts on the Clerk's budget, providing these resources remains a priority and essential service, which is available at no cost to the individual in need.

Know and recognize the important steps you can take and resources available if you are experiencing domestic violence:

- If you are in immediate danger, always call 9-1-1 for assistance from law enforcement.
- Visit our [website](#) to learn how to file for an injunction or restraining order.
- Call the Florida Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119 or TDD (800) 621-4202. Advocates are available 24 hours a day in English, Spanish and Creole telephonically.
- Visit the [Refuge House](#) for local support, advocacy and assistance finding shelter or call (850) 681-2111.

The Florida Clerks & Comptroller's Office is proud of the role it plays in protecting survivors of domestic violence. We encourage all abuse survivors to take action by reaching out for help today.

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