

RESOLUTION NO. 1827

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY / NEAR FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

WHEREAS, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors has long supported efforts to prevent and reduce domestic violence in Yavapai County;

WHEREAS, domestic violence accounts for over 30%* of female homicides and 5%* of male homicides in the United States,
(*Bureau of Justice Statistics, <http://bjs.gov/content/intimate/victims.cfm>);

WHEREAS, examination of incidents of domestic violence fatalities can help assess how law enforcement, court systems, and social services can be improved to help prevent such incidents;

WHEREAS, members of the Yavapai County Attorney's Office and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office are highly trained in investigation and prosecution of crimes involving domestic violence and related matters;

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 41-198 authorizes Yavapai County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, to establish a Domestic Violence Review Fatality / Near Fatality Team; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that consideration of the public safety, health, and general welfare of potential domestic violence victims warrants the formation of a Domestic Violence Fatality / Near Fatality Review Team:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish a Domestic Violence Fatality / Near Fatality Review Team pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-198 and delegates to the Yavapai County Attorney and the Yavapai County Sheriff, or their designees, the authority to appoint members of the Team to act in accordance with all rules and regulations prescribed by A.R.S. § 41-198 and any other rules or regulations which may be applicable. It is further resolved the establishment of the Team and any powers or authorities associated with such shall automatically terminate on January 31, 2018, (five years) unless re-authorized by the Board prior to that date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors on this 6th day of May, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Ana Wayman-Trujillo
Ana Wayman-Trujillo
Clerk of the Board

/s/ A.G. "Chip" Davis
A.G. "Chip" Davis
Chairman of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Sheila Polk
Sheila Polk
Yavapai County Attorney