



**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, REAUTHORIZING THE COCONINO COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors have long supported efforts to prevent and reduce domestic violence in Coconino County; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that includes the use of or threat of violence and intimidation for the purpose of gaining power and control over another person; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention one in five women and one in seven men will be the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; in Arizona, according to the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, 90 people were killed in domestic violence related homicides in 2019, 86 people were murdered in 2018 and 90 people in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence accounts for over 50% of female homicides in the United States; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, employees of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, the City of Flagstaff Police Department, the Coconino County Attorney's Office and the Flagstaff City Prosecutors Office are highly trained in investigation and prosecution of domestic violence matters; and

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 41-198 authorizes Coconino County, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona, to establish a fatal or near fatal domestic violence review 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 continued existence of a domestic violence review team;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Coconino County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the reauthorization of the Coconino County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team as outlined below:

**Section 1.** That the Board hereby reauthorizes the establishment of a fatal or near fatal domestic violence review team in accordance with Section 41-198 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. The Board delegates to the County Manager the authority to appoint members of the team. In addition to the appointed members, the Team, may invite additional persons to review cases when those persons have information, knowledge or experience directly relevant to the cases being reviewed. The Team has no subpoena power and no authority to compel attendance at its meetings.

**Section 2.** That pursuant to subsection 41-198.F, Arizona Revised Statutes, team meetings to review a domestic violence fatality case shall be closed to the public, but all other team meetings shall be open to the public and subject to Title 38, Chapter 3, Article 3.1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Arizona).

**Section 3.** That the Board and Council delegate to the County Manager and the County Attorney the authority to assure the meetings and conduct of the team comply with all applicable law.

**Section 4.** That the Team will submit a report to the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, with copies to the Board and Council, prior to July 31 of each calendar year in which the Team reports its findings and recommendations as to how incidents of domestic violence related fatalities may be prevented and how the system can be improved. The report shall not contain any information that identifies individuals in specific incidents of domestic violence related fatalities.

**Section 5.** That the authorization for the Team automatically terminates on February 25 of 2025, unless re-authorized by the Board and Council prior to that date.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.


AYES: 5  
NOS: 0  
ABSENT: 0

(SEAL)


**COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

  
Lena Fowler, Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Rose Winkeler, Deputy County Attorney

**ATTEST:**

  
Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board