

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2020

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly,

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and


**WHEREAS**, the Women's Center of East Texas is focused on ending violence by providing safe haven, crisis intervention and comprehensive support services to victims of domestic violence, and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of domestic violence themselves have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, I do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward eradicating domestic violence, improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

SIGNED this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

  
TODD TEFTELLER, COUNTY JUDGE

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