PROCLAMATION Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2025 (#2025-17)

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates the basic human rights of safety and dignity, and in 2023, 205 Texans were killed due to domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence and teen dating violence are not confined to any group of people, but cut across all economic, racial, gender and societal barriers; and,

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence and teen dating violence directly affects individuals and communities when society ignores or tolerates violence in relationships; and,

WHEREAS, last year the Women's Center of East Texas provided face-to-face services to over 1,092 adults and 201 children who experienced domestic violence and provided 6,171 days of shelter; and,

WHEREAS, last year the Women's Center of East Texas provided these direct services to 60 victims from Upshur County; and,

NOW, **THEREFORE**, WE, the members of the Upshur County Commissioners Court, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as

"NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

And urge the public to actively work together with the Women's Center of East Texas and local partners to bring an end to domestic violence and teen dating violence.

PROCLAIMED this the 15th day of October 2025.

TODD TEFTELLER, Upshur County Judge

GENE DOLLE, Commissioner, Pct. 1

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