

PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October 2025

WHEREAS, every person deserves to live in safety, dignity, and respect, free from fear and abuse; and through this proclamation, we affirm to survivors of domestic violence that they are not alone, that our community stands beside them, and that we are committed to supporting their journey toward healing and hope; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a pervasive and devastating issue that impacts millions of women, men, and children across the United States each year, threatening the health, safety, and well-being of families and communities; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence takes many forms including physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, spiritual, and economic abuse. This strips away an individual's sense of privacy, security, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence knows no boundaries. It can affect individuals regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ability, sexual orientation, or faith; and

WHEREAS, Texas saw **205 Texans killed** by their intimate partners and stalking homicides in 2023; this includes women, men, and those of diverse backgrounds. These deaths underscore the urgent need for prevention, intervention, and support services.

WHEREAS, the latest statistics also remain sobering: on average, nearly 20 people per minute in the United States experience physical violence by an intimate partner equating to over 10 million victims annually. Health, emotional, and financial tolls from domestic violence affect survivors and ripple through our communities.

WHEREAS, organizations such as **Women In Need, Inc. (WIN)** provide critical services including shelter, advocacy, prevention education, and long-term support, partnering with law enforcement, legal systems, community agencies, and volunteers to form a united front in the fight against domestic violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the ^{Rains} [County Name] County Commissioners ~~or Mayor [Name] and City Council~~, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in [County Name]. We encourage all residents to join in raising awareness, supporting survivors, and working together to create a community where every individual can live free from violence and fear.