

TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS

PROCLAMATION

**DECLARING OCTOBER 2023
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Tyler County, Texas, in recognition of the important work done by survivors, domestic violence programs and victim service providers, hereby urges all citizens of the county to actively participate in the activities and programs sponsored by **FAMILY SERVICES OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS, INC., Texas Council on Family Violence,** and other community organizations to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence.

WHEREAS, more than 10 million women and men are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States each year; domestic violence encompasses a pattern of behaviors used to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, and in many cases, physical violence reinforces other forms of psychological and emotional abuse such as threats, intimidation, and isolation; severe intimate partner violence can include instances of physical assault, rape and stalking that leave victims with injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other lasting impacts; 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 need for safe house continues to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

WHEREAS, the COMMISSIONERS of TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS, join with others across county, the State of Texas, and the nation in supporting victims of domestic violence, as well as local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide who are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and sending a clear message to abusers that **domestic violence is not tolerated in TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS;**

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts millions of people each year, but it can be prevented. Preventing domestic violence requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions, and systems – each of whose service adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

WHEREAS, the color purple is the color nationally recognized to represent the fight against domestic violence, and Jefferson County recognizes the showing of purple ribbons at homes, schools, businesses, and public facilities as the sign of solidarity against domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milton Powers, County Judge of Tyler County, Texas along with the Commissioner's Court do hereby declare **OCTOBER 2023 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.**

Let us stand in solidarity with domestic violence survivors and thank the countless law enforcement officers, advocates, medical professionals, and caregivers who dedicate their lives to fighting for a world without family or intimate partner violence, and together, let us all carry out the mission of creating a community that is safe for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of **TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS**, this ___ day of October, 2023.

Honorable Milton Powers, County Judge

Precinct 1

Commissioner Joe Blacksher

Precinct 2

Commissioner Doug Hughes

Precinct 3

Commissioner Mike Marshall

Precinct 4

Commissioner Charles "Buck" Hudson
