

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Whereas, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, these are blessings that are tarnished by violence and fear; and

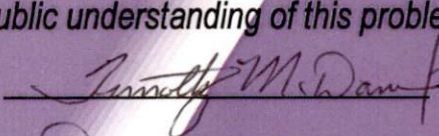
Whereas, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute.

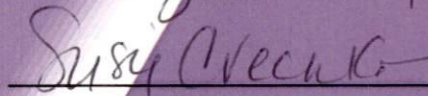
Whereas, Domestic violence is a serious crime that violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control abuse.

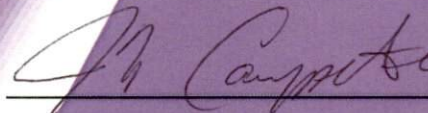
Whereas, women are not the only targets; men, children and the elderly also are counted among the victims, and sadly, emotional scars are often permanent; and

Whereas, a coalition and organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis. Law enforcement officials, those involved with shelters and outreach offices offering services, health care providers, the clergy and other concerned citizens are helping in the effort to end domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals, applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this problem.

Now therefore, we

 - Timothy McDaniel

 - Susie Cvechko

 - Jamie Caprenter

Do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end, and participating in community efforts.

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