

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates the basic human rights and dignity due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence involves physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, economic, or other teen behaviors including harassment by texting, email or other forms of social media are committed by a person who is intending to harm, threaten, intimidate, harass, control, isolate, or monitor another person with whom they have or have had a dating relationship, and is a reality for many teenagers, one of which many parents and guardians are unaware; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic and teen dating violence are not confined to any particular group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial, gender and societal barriers, and are supported when society ignores or tolerates violence at home or in our schools, 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, women and men need to work together to bring safety and equality and;

WHEREAS, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Hope Alliance are partnering with the Williamson County Domestic Assault Response Team to promote Domestic and Teen Dating Violence Awareness in our local communities and;

WHEREAS, last year Hope Alliance provided a total of **3,178** Hotline calls and Fielded **446** online Chat Requests; Clients served other than Calls or Chats total of **1,086**; services to over **949** Survivors of Domestic Violence and responded to **1,671** Hotline Calls from Survivors of or about Domestic Violence and provided **196** spent time in the Shelter; and

WHEREAS, last year Hope Alliance provided these direct services to **13,739** victims from Williamson County. In addition to these services, Hope Alliance Advocates provided **57** Court Accompaniments for clients; and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court designates month of October 2022 as

National Domestic and Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

And call upon the people of Williamson County to recognize and support the important work accomplished by all area Law Enforcement agencies, Hope Alliance and Williamson County Domestic Assault Response Team.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Williamson, Texas to be affixed this _____ day of September 2022.