

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, People affected by domestic violence suffer from a range of pains, without regard to their age, racial background, gender, religious beliefs, or economic status and;

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting victims' children, families, and entire communities, throughout the United States and the world, and;

WHEREAS, our society has a moral obligation to take steps to prevent, address, and end domestic violence by protecting the vulnerable members of it and making the issue a national priority and;

WHEREAS, the Victim Service Units from the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County District Attorney Office, Williamson County Attorney's Office, Round Rock PD, Taylor PD, Georgetown PD, Cedar Park PD, Leander PD, Hutto PD, the Department of Public Safety, and Hope Alliance have partnered together to promote Domestic Violence Awareness in our local communities, including conducting a second annual county-wide donation drive to collect items for The Hope Alliance shelter and;

WHEREAS, in 2023 Hope Alliance provided a total of 4,068 Hotline calls and Fielded 522 online Crisis Chat Requests; Clients served other than Calls or Chats total of 1,169; provided 7,115 Nights of Safety for 194 clients who spent time in the Shelter; provided 26,476 face-to-face Counseling and Advocacy sessions for clients, 3 Law Enforcement Accompaniments, 24 Court Accompaniments and 206 S.A.N.E. Accompaniments, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, State of Texas, hereby proclaims the month of October 2024 as

National Domestic 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, County and District Attorney Offices, and Hope Alliance

Dated this 8th day of October 2024

Judge Bill Gravell