

**Proclamation  
11-09**

**Designating the month of October 2011 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

**WHEREAS**, family and relationships are often counted among life's greatest blessings, and tragically, many Kansas relationships are tarnished by violence and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence includes verbal, emotional, economic, sexual, and physical abuse, and all forms of abuse can carry long-range physical and mental health implications impacting not only the survivors, but their children and entire communities; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-two adults and nine children are murdered each year in Kansas as a result of domestic violence. The U.S. Department of Justice reports that intimate partner homicides comprise 40-50 percent of all murders of women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County has one of the highest per capita incidence of reported domestic violence cases in Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, during October 2011, the Franklin County Domestic Violence unit and other concerned agencies and groups in Franklin County sponsor and promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month to focus community-wide attention on abused women and their children and to promote support of shelters and community programs that serve them;

**NOW, THEREFORE** the governing body of Franklin County, Kansas does hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as:

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

and urges all its citizens to speak out against sexual and domestic violence, to provide support for survivors of this heinous crime, to encourage community leaders to hold offenders accountable, and to make prevention efforts a priority by hosting events, by creating policies at school and work, and by supporting and participating in ongoing programs designed to reduce and eventually eliminate domestic violence as a societal problem.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011, by the Board of Franklin County Commissioners.

/s/ John E Taylor

John E. Taylor, Chairman

Received and recorded this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.

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/s/ Shari Perry  
Shari Perry, County Clerk