



Franklin
COUNTY KANSAS

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Proclamation

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WHEREAS, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will be affected by domestic violence, and between 30-50% of trans and non-binary folk will experience Intimate Partner Violence in their lifetime.

WHEREAS, Franklin County places the utmost value upon the health and welfare of all of its citizens, and striven to provide a safer and healthier community; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence includes verbal, emotional, economic, sexual, and physical abuse, and all forms of abuse carry long-term physical and mental health implications; and

WHEREAS, the effects of domestic violence reach far beyond its impacts on survivors and their abusers, causing disruption in community schools, places of work and worship, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the effects of COVID-19 have created dangerous situations for survivors in our community by creating barriers to public services and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, community engagement and recognition of the costs associated with domestic violence have led to innovative partnerships between local governments and health and wellness organizations which can significantly raise awareness of the public health effects of domestic violence; and

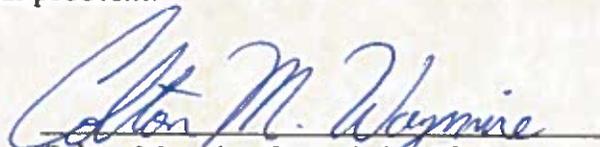
WHEREAS, during October 2020, the Willow Domestic Violence Center, working in partnership with local agencies, businesses, organizations, and groups sponsor and promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month to community-wide attention on survivors and their children, and to promote support of shelters and community programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS formally designates October 2020 as

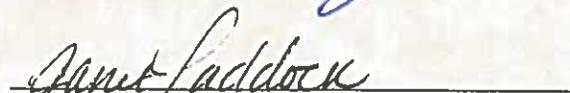
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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

Signed this 7th day of October, 2020.


Colton Waymire, Commission Chair

Attested and Recorded this 7th day of
October, 2020.


Janet Paddock, County Clerk