

# ***Proclamation***

## ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

***WHEREAS***, the mission of the Tarrant County Council on Family Violence is to develop and promote a comprehensive and effective community effort to reduce family violence and domestic violence homicides in Tarrant County; and

***WHEREAS***, domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, verbal and sexual control and/or abuse; and

***WHEREAS***, domestic violence programs, professionals and advocates of non-violence have joined together with the Tarrant County Council on Family Violence to provide the citizens of Tarrant County and the State of Texas with information on domestic violence; and

***WHEREAS***, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous individuals and organizations who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; and

***WHEREAS***, one in every three women and one in every seven men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime, and one in every fifteen children are exposed to intimate partner violence in the home each year; and

***WHEREAS***, only a community effort, with the support of leadership, will help stop to the culture of violence by providing education and outreach activities to allow the community to become more aware of available resources, which will promote a zero tolerance for violence.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Tarrant County and urge all citizens to actively participate in scheduled activities and programs working towards the elimination of domestic violence.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.