

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; 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, the Women's Center of East Texas is *focused on ending violence* by providing safe haven, crisis intervention and comprehensive support services to victims of domestic violence; and

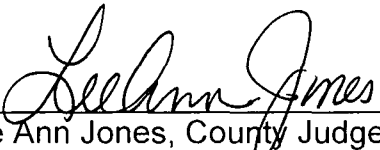
WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence themselves have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016

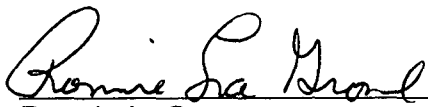
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in Panola County, and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

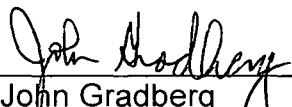
Dated this 26th day of September, 2016.



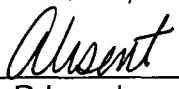
Lee Ann Jones, County Judge




Ronnie LaGrone
Commissioner, Precinct 1



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Commissioner, Precinct 2




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Commissioner, Precinct 3



Dale LaGrone
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



Bobbie Davis, County Clerk

