

# PROCLAMATION

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2024 "Every1KnowsSome1"

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates the basic human rights of safety and dignity, and in 2022, 216 Texans were killed due to domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month strives to highlight how common domestic violence is as nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 and older have suffered injury due to intimate partner violence including rape, physical violence, and/or stalking and 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year; and


**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month was launched nationwide in October 1987 as a way to help victims find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need by uniting them with organizations working on addressing domestic violence issues to assist with access to medical and legal services, counseling, and safe housing; and

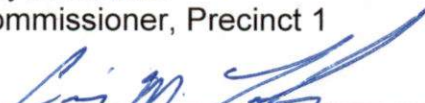
**WHEREAS**, last year the Women's Center of East Texas provided face-to-face services to over 1,335 adults and 152 children who experienced domestic violence and provided 7,184 days of shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, last year the Women's Center of East Texas provided these direct services to 4 victims from Panola County; and

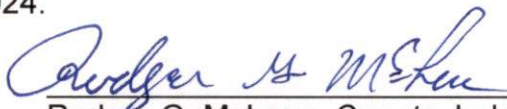
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commissioners' Court of Panola County, Texas does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2024 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Panola County, Texas, and urge the public to actively work toward eradicating domestic violence, improving survivor safety, and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions.


Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

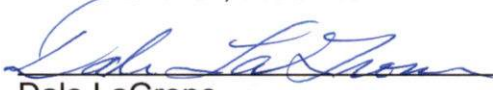
  
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