



Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

Presenter: Alyssa Watkins

Submitting Dept: Administration

Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resolution

Statement / Purpose:

To consider a resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Background / Description (Pros & Cons):

Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects men, women and children and disrupts communities and destroys relationships and families. The impact of domestic violence is wide ranging and directly affects society at large. The Board of County Commissioners is asked to consider the attached resolution recognizing and proclaiming October as Domestic Awareness Month.

Stakeholder Analysis & Involvement:

Teton County Victim Services and the Community Safety Network have partnered to bring this resolution before the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the resolution.

Staff Impact:

Approval of the resolution creates no significant impact on staff.

Legal Review:

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Staff Input / Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Attachments:

Resolution Recognizing October as Domestic Awareness Month

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve the Resolution recognizing October as Domestic Awareness Month.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TETON COUNTY

RESOLUTION # _____

(Domestic Violence Awareness Month)

WHEREAS, every woman, child and man in America has the right to live free from violence in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities, and domestic violence is a serious crime that affects men, women and children and disrupts communities, destroys relationships and families; and

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, and societal barriers; and

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

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women and children, and the society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice estimates that one million women are victimized by domestic violence each year, with less than half of all such crimes actually thought to be reported; and

WHEREAS, in Wyoming, in 2017, there were 2,317 reported incidents of domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, on average day in Wyoming, 273 domestic violence victims are served, 129 adult and child domestic violence victims find refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs and 144 adult and child victims receive non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups; and

WHEREAS, Teton County Victim Services, the Community Safety Network, the Wyoming Division of Victim Services and the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault encourage community leaders, co-workers, friends and loved ones to take a personal pledge to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, this personal pledge demonstrates how we each can be part of the solution by pledging to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, having duly met at a regular meeting and considered the matter, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October, 2018 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2018.

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Newcomb, Chair

(Seal)

Attest:

Sherry L. Daigle, Teton County Clerk