



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TETON COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Domestic Violence Awareness Month)**

**WHEREAS**, every person 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 all individuals—adults and children—disrupts communities, destroys relationships and families; and

**WHEREAS**, violence against predominantly women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any one group of people but crosses all gender identities, economic, racial, and societal barriers; and violates an individual's dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and / or abuse; 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, this past year, there were 2,055 *reported* incidents of domestic violence; and 56 cases were reported in Teton County. Whereas, 57 victims of Domestic Violence were served in 2019 by Teton County Victim Services. We as service providers know that this is severely underreported and under-recognized as a serious problem, and,

**WHEREAS**, in Wyoming on a given day, almost 300 victims were served; over 100 adult and child victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing; almost 150 adult and child victims received 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** encourages community leaders, co-workers, friends and loved ones to take a personal pledge to end domestic violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, having duly met at a regular meeting and considered the matter, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby encourages all of us to be part of the solution by pledging to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence and do hereby proclaim October as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Adopted on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Natalia Macker, Chair

(Seal)

Attest:

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Maureen E. Murphy, Teton County Clerk