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PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, Domestic violence spills over into schools and places of work; and it affects people from every walk of life.

Whereas, domestic violence transcends all ethnic, racial and socioeconomic boundaries and their victims, and its victims can be men and/or women.

Whereas, its perpetrators abuse their victims both physically and mentally, and the effects of their attacks are far-reaching, tragic and weaken the core of our communities.

Whereas, as a society, we must demonstrate with our words and our actions that domestic violence will not be tolerated, we must continue to build alliances among governments, community associations, businesses, and education and religious organizations to strengthen our families and teach alternatives to violence.

Whereas, these efforts include law enforcement officers, prosecutors, court personnel, and service providers working to improve their responses to the often hidden victims of abuse and violence against women.

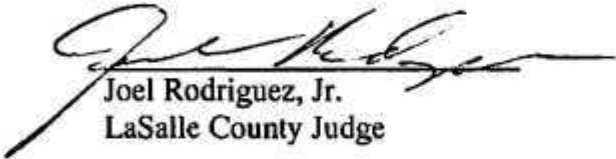
Whereas, we must prioritize addressing the problem of domestic violence in our communities every day of the year. Violence against women or men inside or outside the home is never *justified*.

Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides us with a special opportunity to emphasize that domestic violence is a crime, to warn abusers that they will be prosecuted, and to offer victims more aid and support.


Whereas, as leaders of the community we call upon all people to join together to end domestic violence and spread the word that there is no room for domestic violence in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Commissioners Court of LaSalle County, Texas, do hereby proclaim *October 2003 Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. We urge all community members to learn more about this terrible problem and to take positive action in protecting communities and families from its devastating effects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have affixed our signatures and seal on this 8th day of September 2003.


Joel Rodriguez, Jr.
LaSalle County Judge

ATTEST:


Peggy Murray
County Clerk

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