

PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, domestic violence has continued to burden America into the 21st Century. Our homes should be places of safety and comfort. Tragically, domestic violence can and does turn many homes into places of torment.

Whereas, almost one-third of American women murdered each year are killed by their current or former partners, usually a husband or boyfriend. Approximately 1 million women annually report being stalked. And many children suffer or witness abuse in their homes.

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

Whereas, a comprehensive, coordinated approach must shape our strategy to reduce domestic violence. LaSalle County and its communities should partner with the City, State and other entities to implement tough and effective mechanisms to respond to reports of domestic 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.

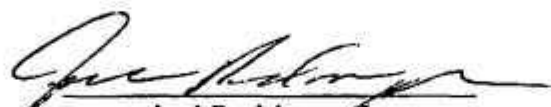
Whereas, we must prioritize addressing the problem of domestic violence in our communities every day of the year.

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.

Therefore, to succeed, officials from every segment of the criminal justice system, Federal, State, and local level must echo this effort. Community leaders, health care professionals, teachers, employers, friends, and neighbors all will play an important role in ending domestic violence. These collective efforts will contribute to peace in our homes, schools, places of work, and communities and will help ensure the future safety of countless children and adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Commissioners Court of LaSalle County, Texas, do hereby proclaim *October 2005 ~ Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. We urge all service providers, medical personnel, members of the clergy and community members to learn more about this terrible problem and to take positive action in protecting communities and families from its devastating effects.

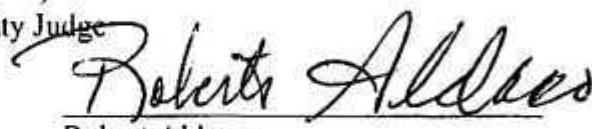
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have affixed our signatures and seal on this the 19th day of October 2005.



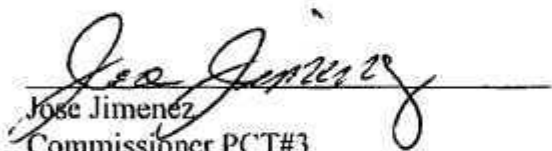
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