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## **PROCLAMATION**

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH October 2024



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BECKY LANDRUM
County Clerk, Land County, Tex.

WHEREAS, this proclamation recognizes that every resident deserves to live a life free from violence and abuse, and through this proclamation, we pledge to ensure that victims of domestic violence know they are not alone and that our community is here to support survivors as they courageously move forward in life; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a severe and pervasive crime that affects millions of women, men, children, and communities across the United States each year, violating the basic human rights of safety and dignity; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control; and

WHEREAS, anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion; and

WHEREAS, an average of 20 people experience some form of domestic violence every 60 seconds, 216 Texans lost their lives due to domestic violence in 2022, and over 10 million people are victimized by domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence can have lifelong consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually, and physically, harming the core of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month highlights the urgent need for our community to come together in preventing domestic violence, standing united in support of survivors. Organizations like Women In Need, Inc. (WIN) are critical in providing shelter and advocacy and empowering survivors to rebuild their lives with dignity. As a community, we must unite in support and firmly reject any form of judgment or criticism toward survivors. Women In Need, Inc. serves as a pillar of strength in this fight, working alongside local law enforcement and the District and County Attorney's Offices to hold offenders fully accountable for their actions, creating a united front that delivers justice and protects survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Hunt County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Hunt County. We stand united in our commitment to preventing domestic violence, supporting survivors, and ensuring that everyone in our community has the opportunity to live free from violence and abuse.

Commissioner Mark Hutchins

Commissioner Phillip Martin

Judge Box by W. Stovall

Commissioner David Monroe

Commissioner Steven Harrison