

# Travis County Commissioners Court



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year;

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence;

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average;

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity;

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPACT THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS ON THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY, WE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS

**"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" IN TRAVIS COUNTY**

AND URGE THE CITIZENS OF TRAVIS COUNTY TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE TASK FORCE, SPECIFICALLY THE STAND UP FOR SAFE FAMILIES PADDLE PARADE, AND THE INITIATIVE BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE TEXAS ADVOCACY PROJECT, "FOOTBALL IS A CONTACT SPORT, LOVE SHOULDN'T BE" WHERE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN TRAVIS COUNTY WEAR PURPLE RIBBONS ON THEIR HELMETS IN OCTOBER.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

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SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
COUNTY JUDGE

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RON DAVIS  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

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BRUCE TODD  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

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GERALD DAUGHERTY  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

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MARGARET J. GÓMEZ  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4