

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the City Commission

From: Lisa Agnor, City Manager

Date: October 2, 2015

Subject: Proclamation declaring the month of October as *“National Domestic Violence Awareness Month”*

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This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of the Women’s Center of East Texas. A representative from this organization will be present at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse, including abuse to children and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in the community, throughout the United States, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Women's Center of East Texas is *focused on ending violence* by providing safe haven, crisis intervention and comprehensive support services to victims of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, survivors of domestic violence themselves have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Commission of Marshall, Texas, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, hereby proclaims the month of October as "*National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*" and urges all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety, and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

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Eric Neal, Chairman  
Marshall City Commission  
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