

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the City Commission

From: Lisa Agnor, City Manager

Date: October 7, 2016

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

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of Marshall, Texas, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, does hereby proclaim the month of October as "*National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*" and urges all citizens to actively participate in any 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.

Eric Neal, Chairman
Marshall City Commission