

Proclamation

Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, every woman, child and man in America has the right to live free from violence in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities, and

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, victims are deprived of their autonomy, liberty, and security, and face tremendous threats to their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice estimates that one million women are victimized by domestic violence each year, with less than half of all such crimes actually thought to be reported; and

WHEREAS, the Community Safety Network, and Teton County Victim Services, encourages community leaders, co-workers, family, friends and neighbors to take a personal pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sara Flitner, Mayor of the Town of Jackson, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** to reaffirm our dedication to forging a community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes, and to commit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

TOWN OF JACKSON

Sara Flitner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk