

Proclamation
Recognizing October 2018 as
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 domestic violence is a serious crime that affects men, woman and children and disrupts communities, destroys relationships and families; and

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem and the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any groups of people but cross all economic, racial, and societal barriers; and violates an individual's dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and / or abuse; 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, in Wyoming there were 2,317 reported incidents of domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, in Wyoming on a given day, 273 victims were served; 129 adult and child victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing; 144 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy and children's support groups; and

WHEREAS, Teton County Victim Services, The Community Safety Network, the Wyoming Division of Victim Services and the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault encourages community leaders, co-workers, friends and loved ones to take a personal pledge to end domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Muldoon, Mayor of the Town of Jackson, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and encourage us all to be part of the solution by pledging to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

TOWN OF JACKSON

Pete Muldoon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra P. Birdyshaw, Town Clerk