

TO THE CITIZENS OF THOMAS COUNTY, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, family and relationships are often counted among life's greatest gifts, and tragically, many Kansans' relationships are tarnished by violence and fear; and

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

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner and fleeing domestic violence has caused women and children to be the fastest growing homeless population; and

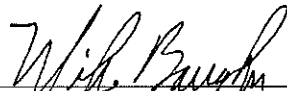
WHEREAS, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is inconsistent with the values of our community and will not be excused or tolerated:

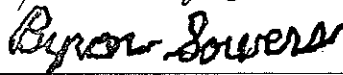
THEREFORE, we, the Commission of Thomas County, Kansas do hereby proclaim October, 2018 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In Thomas County and encourage all citizens to speak out against domestic violence, to provide support for survivors of these crimes, to encourage community leaders to hold perpetrators accountable, and to make domestic violence prevention efforts a priority by hosting events, by creating policies at school and work, and by working with your local domestic violence victim service providers.



Chairman Mike Baughn

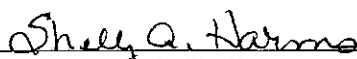


Member, Byron Sowers



Member, Francis Britton

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
Hereunto set my hand and caused
To be affixed the official seal of
Thomas County, Kansas this 8th day of October, 2018



County Clerk Shelly Harms

