

PROCLAMATION

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO AND THE COUNTY OF WEBB will not tolerate domestic violence in our community;

WE RECOGNIZE that domestic violence is destructive for victims, their families and our community;

WE RECOGNIZE that victims of domestic violence experience physical abuse, long term emotional harm, financial instability, homelessness, and chronic fear;

WE HAVE COME TOGETHER with open hearts and minds to support victims of domestic violence in our community for over twenty years;

WE RECOGNIZE our police and sheriff's departments, courts, city, county, social service agencies, and other local government entities constitute the first line of defense to protect and serve victims of domestic violence; and

WE BELIEVE that in working together, we can protect and empower all domestic violence victims;

WE REMAIN DETERMINED to move forward in our mission to stop domestic violence,

NOW THEREFORE, WE RESOLVE, that the City of Laredo and the County of Webb in the State of Texas join national and world leaders, including the Inter-Commission on Human Rights to declare

FREEDOM FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE that the City of Laredo and County of Webb will work relentlessly to secure and protect this fundamental human right on behalf of all our citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tano Tijerina as County Judge of County of Webb and I, Pete Saenz, Mayor of the City of Laredo do hereby proclaim on behalf of our citizens the month of October 2015 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

WE CALL OUR CITIZENS TO ACTION:

First, to continuously educate ourselves about domestic violence by hosting annual conferences, coalition meetings, and community outreach, to empower each other to speak and act out against domestic violence.

Second, to collect, maintain, and report data to the Webb County Domestic Violence Coalition on how we serve victims of domestic violence.

Third, to convene each year after our annual conference to create a concrete plan of action to better serve victims of domestic violence and to monitor progress at our monthly coalition meetings

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Official Seal of Webb County, Texas to be affixed on this ____ day of _____, 2015.