

Proclamation

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

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

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

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

WE RECOGNIZE our police and sheriff's departments, courts, city, county, social service agencies, and other local government entities constitute the first line 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; and

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

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 the County of Webb will work relentlessly to secure and protect this fundamental human right on behalf of all of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tano Eduardo Tijerina, Webb County Judge by virtue of the authority vested in us in the State of Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

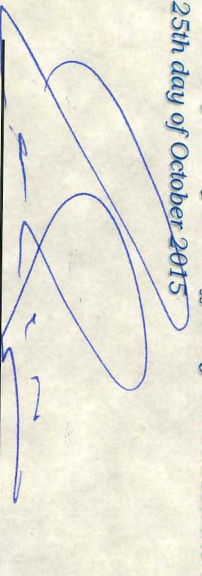
WE CALL OUR CITIZENS TO ACTION

First, to continuously educate ourselves about domestic violence by participating in trainings, coalition meetings, community outreach and activities to empower each other to speak and act out against domestic violence and/or to serve as advocates for the victims, families and perpetrators.

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

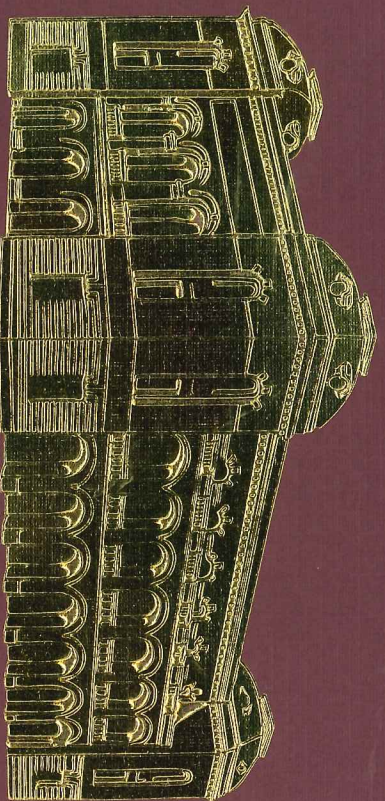
Third, to convene each year after our annual conference to create a concrete plan of action to better serve victims of domestic violence and to monitor progress at our monthly coalition meetings.

Witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Official Seal of Webb County, Texas to be affixed on this 25th day of October 2015



*Honorable Tano Eduardo Tijerina
Webb County Judge*





*The Webb County
Courthouse*