



Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report

Meeting Date: Oct. 18, 2016
Submitting Dept: Administration

Presenter: Cindy Harger
Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Statement / Purpose:

The purpose of this is to request that the Board of County Commissioners recognize the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Teton County, Wyoming.

Background / Description (Pros & Cons): *One in four women in the United States will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. The problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial and societal barriers. Across the nation, the month of October has become a time period to call attention to the issue and for communities to join together in pledging to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence.*

Stakeholder Analysis & Involvement: *The Community Safety Network and Teton County Victim Services are encouraging Jackson Hole's community leaders to assist in highlighting this important issue.*

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Staff Impact:

None.

Legal Review:

Gingery/Weisman

Staff Input / Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Teton County.

Attachments:

Resolution for the BCC Chair's signature.

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve the Resolution Recognizing the October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Teton County.

Resolution No. _____

**Teton County Resolution Recognizing October 2016 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

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects men, women and children and disrupts communities, destroys relationships and families; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women, men and children, and the society as a whole; 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, one in four women in the United States reports experiencing violence by a current or former spouse or boyfriend at some point in her life; 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 BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the residents of Teton County, Wyoming, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and reaffirm our dedication to forging a community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes -- and commit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2016 BY
THE TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Barbara Allen, Chairman
Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Dated

Attest:

Sherry Daigle, Teton County Clerk