

Proclamation

West County Wastewater Board of Directors

RECOGNIZES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER, 2021

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which first began in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect battered women's advocates across the country; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual campaign to increase awareness of domestic violence; and


WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture and status. It's not just punches and black eyes -- it's yelling, humiliation, stalking, manipulation, coercion, threats and isolation. It's stealing a paycheck, keeping tabs online, non-stop texting, constant use the silent treatment, or calling someone stupid so often they believe it; and

WHEREAS, since the Violence Against Women Act passed in 1994, we've come a long way. This landmark legislation, led by then Senator Joe Biden, combined new provisions that hold offenders accountable and provide programs and services for victims. Between 1993 and 2010, the overall rate of domestic violence dropped nearly two-thirds and state laws have reformed to address issues such as dating abuse in the workplace, stalking, employment discrimination and more; and


WHEREAS, we can acknowledge Domestic Violence Awareness by wearing purple. For survivors of Domestic Violence, who may be wounded both physically and emotionally, the color purple is meant to be a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of West County Wastewater hereby proclaim recognition of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and encourages all community members and employees alike to support survivors and speak out against domestic violence.

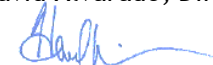
Dated: September 15, 2021




Cheryl Sudduth, President



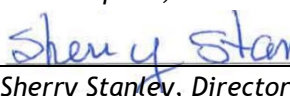
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