

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly.

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, the ICD New Bridge Family Shelter provides a safe haven and educational services to victims of domestic violence and their children. There is a collaboration of organizations that has emerged to directly confront this crisis. Law enforcement officials, those involved with shelters and hotlines services, health care providers, the clergy and other concerned citizens are helping in the effort to end domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals, applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this important problem.

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence themselves have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, I do hereby proclaim the month of October to be *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole. And to recognize that this is a community issue not just a family problem.

IN WITNESS

WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 29th day of October, 2009. *Tom Green County of San Angelo, TX*



Judge Mike Brown