

White County Proclamation
Monday, October 2, 2017

WHEREAS,

Domestic Violence affects individuals regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender, religion, or economic status;

WHEREAS,

52 women lost their lives due to this violence in just one year in the state of Indiana, and whereas even in our own part of the state men and women have lost their lives this year;

WHEREAS,

Domestic Violence is not a private matter to be kept secret, but is a crime that reaches outside of individual homes and into our streets, our classrooms, and our work places,

WHEREAS,

We must support victims and their children through our legal system, law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, advocacy centers and safe places such as the shelter offered by the YWCA's Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program,

WHEREAS,

The YWCA program sheltered more than 400 women and children last year – including women and children from White County who were fleeing domestic violence;

WHEREAS,

Education about domestic violence will help to change attitudes and show children how healthy relationships can break the cycle of generational violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE PROCLAIM October Domestic Violence Awareness month

And we ask all of you here today

To join us in taking a stand against domestic violence and in defense of the victims of domestic violence; to send the message to abusers that violence has no place in our community and will not be tolerated; and to join us in actively working to eliminate future violence and abuse.

Mayor Ken Houston

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