

## Wise Hope Shelter & Crisis Center

Safety, Hope, & Education for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 1123 HWY 59 N | Bowie, TX | 76230 Office 940.531.4003 Fax 940.531.4003

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, 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, Wise Hope Shelter & Crisis Center works to end family violence through safety, support, prevention and social change.

**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, Kevin Benton, County Judge of Montague County, Texas, hereby proclaim the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward eradicating domestic violence, improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

Signed

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