

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**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; and

**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 effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community Thriving Hearts Crisis Center (Formerly Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter) answered 1,182 crisis calls and provided 6,897 services to survivors from September 2024 to August 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, women are not only targets; men, young children and the elderly also are victims, and sadly, emotional scars are often permanent, and domestic violence costs United States' companies at least \$3.5 billion in lost work time, increased health care costs, higher turnover, and lower productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Donna Dodgen, Mayor, of the City of Seguin, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and call all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our effort to prevent domestic violence, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

***Presented this 6th day of October 2025***



**It's real.**



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**Donna Dodgen, Mayor**