PROCLAMATION

Whereas, A home is the least safe place for a woman; and

Whereas, A home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security; and

Whereas, The City of Basehor is committed to prevention of Domestic violence; and

Whereas, Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels and sexes and violates an individuals privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control or abuse; and

Whereas, Women are not the only targets; young children and the elderly also are counted among the victims; and

Whereas, Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to the heinous crime, and the City of Basehor is committed to the prevention of domestic violence; and

Whereas, A coalition of organization need to grow to combat this crisis, to include more than law enforcement, shelters, prosecutors, and court services, but expand to include health care providers, clergy, schools, and citizens; and

Whereas, All citizens of the United States to include men, women, and children have the the right to be free from harm, and to live without fear of abuse within their homes, from those they love, or from those that are supposed to protect them; and

Whereas, Victims of domestic violence have the right to protection, advocacy, safety, justice, and fair treatment; and

Whereas, Perpetrators of domestic violence should be held accountable for their actions; and

Whereas, The community has an obligation to work together to combat domestic violence, by reporting domestic violence, by supporting victims, and by holding batterers responsible; and

Whereas, The City wishes to recognize and support the efforts made by the community in attempting to understand the causes and find the cures to domestic violence, the numerous being committed against women and children within the City Of Basehor with the hope that all families will live in an environment free from violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM HOOKER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BASEHOR, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2001 AS...

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And hereby call upon all officials and citizens of Basehor to join with the City of Basehor, the Alliance Against Family Violence, and other concerned groups and individuals in observing this important month.

W. W. Hooker

William Hooker, Mayor