

**PROCLAMATION**

- Where as A home is the least safe place for a woman; and
- Where as A home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security; and
- Where as The City of Basehor is committed to prevention of Domestic violence; and
- Where as 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
- Where as Women are not the only targets; young children and the elderly also are counted among the victims; and
- Where as 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
- Where as A coalition of organizations needs 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
- Where as All citizens of the United States to include men, women, and children have 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
- Where as Victims of domestic violence have the right to protection, advocacy, safety, justice, and fair treatment; and
- Where as Perpetrators of domestic violence should be held accountable for their actions; and
- Where as 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
- Where as The City Commission wishes to recognize and support the efforts made by the community in attempting to understand the causes and find the cures to domestic violence, especially 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.

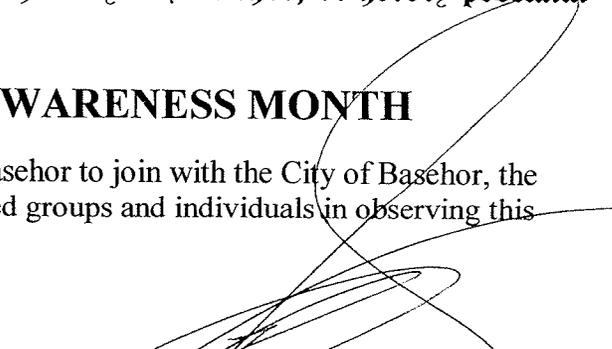
**Now, Therefore, I, Joseph Scherer, Mayor of the City of Basehor, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2002 as**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

And hereby call upon the 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.

ATTEST:

  
Mary Mogle, City Clerk

  
Joseph Scherer, Mayor