***WHEREAS:*** domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender and income levels; and

***WHEREAS:*** domestic violence is widespread and affects more than four million Americans each year; and

***WHEREAS:*** one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

***WHEREAS:*** children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

***WHEREAS:*** domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

***WHEREAS:*** only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

***WHEREAS:*** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chase County Commission hereby proclaims the month of October 2024, to be

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, in Chase County, Kansas.

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