

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2014

WHEREAS: the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, and societal barriers and are supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS: the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS: the impacts of domestic violence are wide-ranging, directly affecting men, women, children, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS: approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and

WHEREAS: when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leaves a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS: families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation; and

WHEREAS: it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

WHEREAS: local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS: all people should feel safe in their homes, their schools, and their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE that, I, Randy Pope, Mayor of the City of Oakley, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and urge all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

Randy Pope, Mayor