

# Proclamation

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2004

*WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, these are blessings tarnished by violence and fear; and*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute. According to a 2002 Texas Council on Family Violence survey, 74% of all Texans have experienced some form of domestic violence and 73% of all Texans believe domestic violence is a serious problem; and*

*WHEREAS, the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center served over 770 local victims of domestic violence and provided 5,800 days of shelter in 2003; and*

*WHEREAS in our state of Texas, 140 women were killed by their intimate male partners in 2003; and*

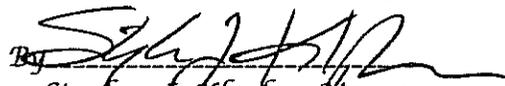
*WHEREAS, women are not the only targets; young children, the elderly and men are also counted among the victims, and emotional scars are often permanent; and*

*WHEREAS, various agencies and organizations directly confront this crisis daily. We must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals, applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this important problem.*

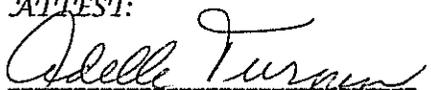
*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Stephen J. Klepfer, Mayor of the Village of Wimberley, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 2004 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens of Wimberley to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end and participating in community events.*

*ADOPTED by the City Council of the Village of Wimberley, on the 7th day of October 2004 by a vote of 4 to 0.*

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY

By   
Stephen J. Klepfer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Adelle Turpen, City Secretary