

Resolution No. 2025-3904

A Resolution Recognizing the Month of October as Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month in Oklahoma County

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks 2<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for women killed by men and 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for Domestic Violence rates; and

WHEREAS, in Oklahoma, 49.1% of women in Oklahoma and 40.7% of men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner rape and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, In Oklahoma 1 in 6 homes will make a domestic-related call to 911; and

WHEREAS, In Oklahoma County there are many services and partnerships to provide services to the survivors of Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, this year, in the Oklahoma County Court Clerk’s Office Rick Warren and his staff have processed over 3 thousand VPO filings; and

WHEREAS, The Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office serves the Victim Protection Orders paperwork and forceable entry and detainers so that orders can take effect, until the orders are served victims have no protection. The Sheriff’s Office recently added two more positions to assist in and to provide adequate service to meet the new statutory requirements. The Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Office has a deputy dedicated to serve with Palomar; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma County Law Library provides a room in the Oklahoma County Courthouse for Palomar to assist survivors every Monday morning from 9-1; and

WHEREAS, Palomar has services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Stalking, Elder Abuse, and Child Abuse. Palomar has partnered with over 45 community agencies to provide wrap-around services to meet the needs of all who come through their doors; and

WHEREAS, YWCA of Oklahoma City provides safety, education, and hope to victims of domestic violence in our community. YWCA advocates attend all Victim Protection Order dockets in Oklahoma County to assist as needed. YWCA crisis services programs are designed to help break the cycle of violence and provide victims with the empowerment they need to be self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Statewide Family and Domestic Violence Advocacy have four family law attorneys that work to serve Oklahoma County and due to their efforts at least 10 families received lifetime Protection Order to protect them from physically and sexual abusive spouses or parents so far this year.

WHEREAS, La Luz Organization specializes in serving Latino victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Their services include advocacy, counseling, support groups, with their services Oklahoma County is one of the only counties in the state that offer a Spanish interpreter dedicated docket; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners does hereby declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness month in Oklahoma County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Oklahoma County Commissioners recognize those who serve and assist survivors of Domestic Violence in Oklahoma County. Approved this 8th day of October 2025.

Board of County Commissioners

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Attest: Maressa Treat, County Clerk

