

# Maricopa County

## PROCLAMATION "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" October 2015

*Whereas*, domestic violence is an epidemic affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, or educational background; and

*Whereas*, domestic violence is a pattern of coercive control where one partner uses their power to control the other partner through physical, sexual, emotional, or financial abuse; and

*Whereas*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that nearly 1 in 4 women & 1 in 7 men have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime; therefore, 800,000 women and 450,000 men in Arizona may experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

*Whereas*, in 2014, 109 people were killed in domestic violence related homicides in Arizona according to the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence; and

*Whereas*, the Arizona Department of Health Services advises that in Arizona, one or more children witness a domestic violence incident every 44 minutes; and

*Whereas*, in one 24-hour period in 2014, 35 programs in Arizona served 1,602 victims of domestic violence as documented by the National Network To End Domestic Violence; and

*Whereas*, the Arizona Department of Health Services advises that most cases of domestic violence are never reported to law enforcement authorities; and

*Whereas*, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community action, and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT MARICOPA COUNTY** does hereby proclaim October 2015 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and encourages all citizens of Arizona to support the efforts of organizations providing education, outreach, and support to victims of domestic violence and call upon our citizens to dedicate themselves to ending all forms of violence and the abuse of power and control in relationships.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of September, 2015.



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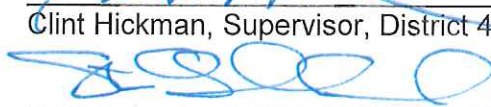
  
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