

Whereas, domestic violence is not solely a women's issue, but a social issue, that requires participation from society as a whole to combat;

Whereas, we know Oklahomans residing in rural and metropolitan areas are equally affected by the epidemic of relationship violence;

Whereas, Oklahoma consistently ranks nationally among the states with the highest number of domestic homicides;

Whereas, student services on campus as well as service providers off campus have worked continually to meet the needs of victims and survivors;

Whereas, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus community should be one of safety and security for all students, faculty and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Southwestern Oklahoma State University, in association with the City of Weatherford, does hereby proclaim the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges all members of the community to work together toward minimizing the occurrence of interpersonal violence both on and off campus.