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Mayor Proclaims October Domestic Violence Awareness Month ***Local Resources Available to Victims***

SEGUIN, Texas – Mayor Don Keil has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city of Seguin. The proclamation was presented Wednesday at City Hall with Assistant Chief Deputy United States Marshal Tina Garza, members of local law enforcement and representatives from the Guadalupe Volley Family Violence Shelter present.

“I applaud the work of the people who work to assist the victims of domestic violence,” Mayor Keil said. “It’s emotionally draining work that requires passion and dedication.”

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a national recognition that evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

According to the NCADV, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.

“Domestic violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality,” NCADV says on its website, www.ncadv.org. “Intimate partner violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior which is only a fraction of a systematic pattern of dominance and control.”

If you are in an abusive relationship or know someone who is, there are resources available. The Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter 24/7 crisis hotline is 1-800-834-2033. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7299).



Seguin Mayor Don Keil is joined by Assistant Chief Deputy United States Marshal Tina Garza, members of local law enforcement and representatives from the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter as he signs a proclamation designating October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city of Seguin.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located off Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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