PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS

WHEREAS: domestic violence impacts countless Arkansans, without regard to age, race, religion, or economic status; as victims suffer at the hands of a spouse or partner, it affects their children, families, and entire communities;

WHEREAS: 1 in every 3 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime; and 1 in 4 men have had abusive experiences in their lifetime;

WHEREAS: approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year;

WHEREAS: we encourage domestic violence victims and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victim service organizations such as Margie's Haven House;

WHEREAS: we dedicate ourselves to protecting vulnerable members of our community;

WHEREAS: Cleburne County and the City of Heber Springs have a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence, address its brutal and destructive effects and make ending domestic violence a local priority, and likewise support the work of public and private entities that strive to provide the best coordinated response to domestic violence in communities across this state, sending a loud and clear message to abusers that domestic violence is not tolerated in Cleburne County and the City of Heber Springs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Clark, Mayor of the City of Heber Springs, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Heber Springs, Arkansas, and I, Jerry Holmes, Judge of Cleburne County, Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Cleburne County, Arkansas, do hereby jointly proclaim October 22nd, 2020, as

Domestic Violence Awareness Day

Across the City of Heber Springs and Cleburne County, we urge all our fellow citizens to join us in helping to promote efforts to actively support and work towards the elimination of domestic violence.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and proclaimed this 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord 2020, as Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

The Honorable Jimmy Clark
Mayor of the City of Heber Springs

The Honorable Jerry Holmes
Judge of the County of Cleburne