## Exhibit "B"

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2025

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates the basic human rights of safety and dignity, and in 2023, 205 Texans were killed due to domestic violence and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence and teen dating violence are not confined to any group of people, but cut across all economic, racial, gender and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence and teen dating violence directly affects individuals and communities when society ignores or tolerates violence in relationships; and

WHEREAS, last year the Women's Center of East Texas provided face-to-face services to over 1,092 adults and 201 children who experienced domestic violence and provided 6,171 days of shelter; and

WHEREAS, last year the Women's Center of East Texas provided these direct services to over 22 victims from Marion County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2025 as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" And call upon the people of Marion County to work together with the Women's Center of East Texas and local partners to bring an end to domestic violence and teen dating violence.

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