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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WELD COUNTY, CO – At Monday’s board meeting, the Weld County Board of Commissioners proclaimed October 2016 Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This proclamation was made in the hopes of increasing knowledge of the presence of domestic violence, as well as how to recognize domestic violence and where to find help.

“Sometimes, victims of domestic violence aren’t aware that what they are experiencing is domestic violence,” Commented Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. “By proclaiming Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we hope to bring attention to both physical and nonphysical domestic violence, and promote resources for where victims can find help in our community.”

The Weld County Board of Commissioners partnered with A Woman’s Place in Greeley for this proclamation. A Woman’s Place, an organization offering information about domestic violence, legal advocacy, counseling services, case management, and shelter, offers services to both victims and their children. A Woman’s Place also includes a list of potential forms of domestic violence or abuse on their webpage, including:

Put downs, humiliation, degradation, isolation, extreme jealousy, controlling contact with friends and family, intimidation (including looks or gestures, property damage, or displaying of weapons,) using children as messengers or threatening to take children away, minimizing or denying abusive events or blaming the victim, unwanted sexual contact or treating the victim like a sex object, imposing rigid gender roles, preventing a victim from keeping money or getting a job, making threats to harm the victim or themselves, threatening to leave, and making the victim perform illegal activities.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please call A Woman’s Place at their crisis hotline at: 970-356-4226

To learn more about domestic violence and how you can help, go to <http://www.awpdv.org/home.html>

To learn about your rights as a victim, go to <http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/DistrictAttorney/VictimServices/YourRightsAsAVictim.html>