

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** *October 12, 2009 is celebrated as "Columbus Day" in the United States of America commemorating the voyage of Christopher Columbus to America; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Columbus Day is significant as members of the Knights of Columbus all over the world are encouraged to continue their vision of a better world through community service, acts of charity and prayer; and*

**WHEREAS,** *this holiday commemorates the voyage of the Knights' patron as a man who had the courage and vision to follow his faith and today's Knights are committed to the defense of life, marriage and the family;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** *that the Commissioners Court of Austin County, Texas declares October 12, 2009 as the official observance of*

***Columbus Day***

*And urges the citizens of Austin County, Texas to fly the Flag of the United States of America on its anniversary.*

*Signed this 12th day of October, 2009 in Austin County, Texas by:*

*Carolyn Bilski*

Carolyn Bilski  
County Judge

David Ottmer  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Randy Reichardt  
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Robert W. Rinn  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

David Hubenak  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

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### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is a crime that affects all aspects of a community with far reaching consequences for the primary victims – women and children; and domestic violence is particularly devastating because it so often occurs in the privacy of the home, which is meant to be a place of shelter and security; and

**WHEREAS**, Thousands in Texas are victims of domestic violence offenses which violate their basic human rights to live with respect, dignity, and freedom from fear and violence; and

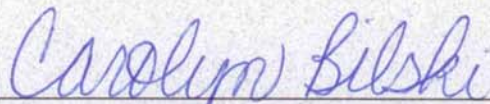
**WHEREAS**, We are committed to ending domestic violence in our State through public education and services by helping victims find empowerment to help them succeed in their goals; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Carolyn Bilski on behalf of Austin County Commissioners Court, in recognition of the important work done by the Domestic Violence Awareness Programs, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And urge all citizens to become aware of the tragedy of domestic violence and become actively involved in working together to eliminate domestic abuse.

**SIGNED** this 12th day of October, 2009 in Austin County, Texas, by:



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