

Proclamation

Stalking Awareness Month January 2026 Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK)

WHEREAS, stalking is a serious and often hidden crime that affects an estimated **13.5 million people in the United States each year**; and

WHEREAS, stalking is commonly perpetrated by someone the victim knows, with **42% of victims stalked by an acquaintance and 40% by a current or former intimate partner**; and

WHEREAS, stalking behaviors frequently involve both digital and physical methods, with **80% of victims stalked using technology and 67% stalked in person**; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) served **40 stalking victims**, including survivors from **Cloud, Dickinson, Saline, and McPherson Counties**, as well as out-of-state clients; and

WHEREAS, these victims resided across the region, including **Concordia, Herington, Abilene, Salina, New Cambria, and Moundridge**, illustrating that stalking impacts both rural and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, DVACK remains dedicated to providing safety planning, advocacy, and trauma-informed services, while working with community partners to raise awareness and prevent stalking in all its forms;

NOW, THEREFORE, the **City of Abilene** hereby recognizes **January 2026 as Stalking Awareness Month** and encourages all residents to learn the signs of stalking, support survivors, and work together to create a safer community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of City of Abilene to be affixed this 26th day of January 2026.

(ATTEST)


Shayla L. Mohr, CMC, City Clerk




Brandon Rein, Mayor