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Mayor Kaumo,

YWCA of Sweetwater County would like to seek your approval to "paint the town purple" during October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. YWCA would like to represent the 11 victims of Sweetwater County who have lost their life due to Domestic Violence by placing purple lights on individual trees along Dewar Drive with a sign sharing the victim's short story in front of each tree. We would also like to give community members the option of sponsoring a tree for their friend/family member(s) who were also victims of violence.

Bret Chestnut is willing to professionally place lights on each tree to make sure the trees are kept in good condition and to minimize community members from decorating the trees with anything other than the approved lights.

I have spoken with both Rick Lee and Mark Lyon about this proposal to make sure it wouldn't be taking away from the Chamber's Adopt A Tree. They were both very supportive and Mark even suggested that the power strips could be left out once our lights are taken down because it will be time for the Adopt A Tree event.

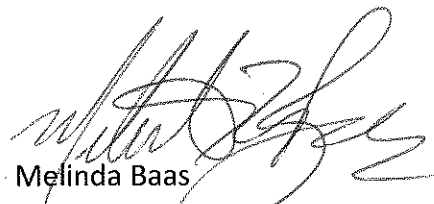
Along with "painting the town purple", YWCA Center for Families and Children (CFC) will host the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Vigil/Memorial for victims of Domestic Violence on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Broadway Theater.

Thank you for your consideration,



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