

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Domestic violence in American is intolerable, unacceptable, must be stopped and deserves considerable public attention; and

Whereas: Children who witness domestic violence often grow up believing that physical cruelty in relationships is acceptable behavior, and thus they tend to perpetuate a cycle of violence in society; and

Whereas: Many Federal, State, and local programs addressing the domestic violence problem have achieved success, bringing greater safety to families; and

Whereas: Community leaders, police, judges, advocates, healthcare workers, and concerned Americans are working together across America to develop solutions to this serious problem and to implement services that will improve our responses when it occurs; and

Whereas: Programs designed to educate men and women about ways they can help prevent domestic violence are being developed across our Nation; and

Whereas: Numerous law enforcement officials and departments have created specialized domestic violence units that cooperate with community advocates to enhance services for victims and representatives from the faith community frequently provide essential support in areas where there may be no other services available; and

Whereas: Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or religion; and

Whereas: We must continue to hold domestic abusers accountable, punish them to the full extent of the law and prevent them from inflicting more abuse;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, *name of mayor*, Mayor of the *name of city*, do hereby proclaim October, 2008, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in *name of city* and call on all citizens to recognize this important event.