

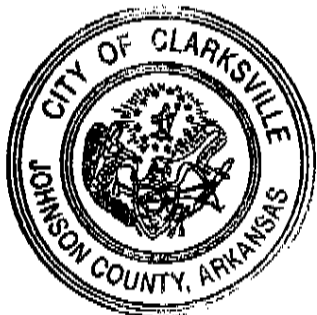
Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and
- WHEREAS,** one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and
- WHEREAS,** children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and
- WHEREAS,** only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and
- WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Billy Helms, Mayor of the city of Clarksville, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the month of October, as

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

in the city of Clarksville and call upon our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic from our community



*In witness whereof we, have hereunto set
our hands and caused this seal to be affixed:*

Billy Helms

Mayor Billy Helms

Date: August 13, 2010