

PROCLAMATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2010

- 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 the citizens of Garden Grove to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous local individuals and organizations, including H.O.P.E., Thomas House and Grandma's House of Hope, who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that I, Mayor William J. Dalton, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge the citizens of Garden Grove to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

October 11, 2010

William J. Dalton Mayor of the City of Garden Grove

