

## TOWN OF GUILFORD

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## **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 resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Guilford do hereby proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of the Town of Guilford to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

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