

**CITY OF WOODSTOCK
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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

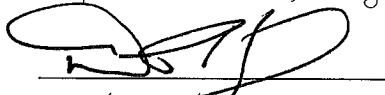
WHEREAS: Domestic Violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

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, the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodstock, Georgia do hereby proclaim the month of October as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and urge all citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

As proclaimed this 27th day of September, 2010.



Donnie Henriques, Mayor
City of Woodstock, Georgia

ATTEST: 

Rhonda Pezzello, City Clerk

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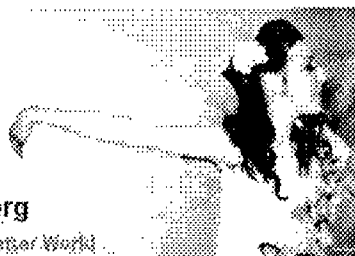
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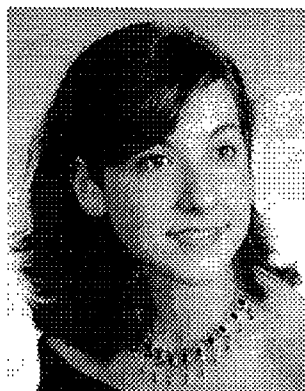
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August 11, 2010

Dear Mayor,

This year more than 400 municipalities and 32 US Governors joined together to help end violence against women by issuing proclamations for Dating Violence Awareness Month and/or Sexual Assault Awareness Month. October's **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** provides a chance to build on this momentum of awareness and solidarity about this serious issue that affects 4.8 million American women, and creates opportunities for local events and activities across the nation. Many states and local municipalities already issue proclamations for this observance each year, but for the first time this coordinated national campaign will clearly demonstrate our shared resolve to end violence against women.



After our daughter Emily's murder last year, The EMILY Fund was incorporated as a nonprofit organization dedicated to continuing her legacy of service to community, and to raise awareness about the serious issue of dating violence. This year we have distributed nearly 400,000 free wallet-sized Dating Pledge Cards requested by over 600 domestic violence agencies in all 50 states for their work educating young people about dating violence.

Please help lead the way to ending violence against women by issuing a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and send a copy via fax, email or mail (The EMILY Fund, PO Box 430, Roosevelt, NJ 08555-0430; info@emilyfund.org, fax: 1-888-247-1291), so that we can post it at StopDatingViolence.org to inspire other municipalities to stand with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bob Silverstein
Executive Director

Sample Proclamation for DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

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