

**PROCLAMATION
VILLAGE OF ALBANY**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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 grown up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at 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, I THOMAS A. STEWART, MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF ALBANY, LOUISIANA, 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.

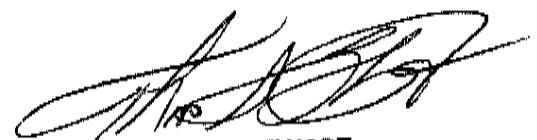
YEAS: Edmnd Harris, Lloyd B. Martin and Lloyd E. Glascock

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PASSED AND APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2010.


SANDY STEWART SMITH
CLERK


THOMAS A. STEWART
MAYOR