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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 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, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn prevention and obtain support from the numerous organizations that are available to provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport seeks to officially recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month in an effort to bring awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cedric B. Glover, Mayor of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim the Month of October as:

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

In the City of Shreveport, and urge all citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Shreveport to be affixed.

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MAYOR

