

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF SHERBORN**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** We, the Selectmen of the Town of Sherborn, Massachusetts

**WHEREAS:** hereby proclaim the month of October to be  
Domestic Violence Awareness month;

**WHEREAS:** domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races,  
Ages, gender, and income levels; and;


**WHEREAS:** one in three Americans has witnessed an incident of domestic  
Violence; and;

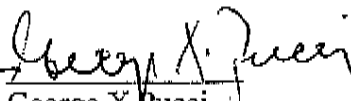
**WHEREAS:** domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually  
in medical expenses, police and courts cost, shelters, foster care,  
sick leave and non-productivity and;

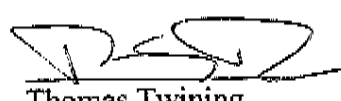
**THEREFORE,** the Sherborn Board of Selectmen, do hereby proclaim the month  
of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**  
and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic  
violence from our community

**IN WITNESS THEREOF** we have caused the seal of this Town to be affixed  
to this Proclamation on this thirtieth day of September in the year 2010

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August 21, 2010

Dear Board of Selectmen,

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 Violence Awareness Month. October's **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** provides a chance to build on this momentum of awareness and solidarity about this critical issue that affects 4.8 million American women, and creates opportunities for 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 domestic violence. This year we have distributed nearly 400,000 free wallet-sized Domestic Violence 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](mailto:info@emilyfund.org), fax: 1-888-247-1291), so that we can use it at [StopDatingViolence.org](http://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:

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, ethnicities 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**, I, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.