

**CITY OF SALINE
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 2010
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, including people in the Saline community; 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 is a crime and knows no economic, ethical or social boundaries and in some way affects every community, every workplace, every family; 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 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, Gretchen Driskell, Mayor of the City of Saline, on behalf of the Saline City Council and citizens of Saline, do hereby declare the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" in the City of Saline and urge all our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community. **Domestic Violence, It Is Your Business!****



I hereby set my hand and seal
this 20th day of September 2010.


Gretchen Driskell, Mayor
City of Saline, Michigan