PROCLAMATION

Town of Goffstown

WHEREAS,

domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; it 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 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, We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Goffstown, County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim the month of October be designated as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Throughout the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire, and urge all our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL this 20th day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.

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Attest: Catalian Ball

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

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