

Saratoga County 2540 Route 9 Ballston Spa, N.Y. 12020 RESOLUTION NO. 252 – OCTOBER 4, 2010

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER, 2010 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Motion by: Councilperson Thomas

Seconded: Councilperson Hartzell

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 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 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 be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Town Board of the Town of Malta be and hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in the Town of Malta and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

VOTE: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0