

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, this widespread problem affects over 4 million Americans each year, and one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; 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, ending domestic violence requires a collaborative effort involving every part of our community and recognizing that domestic violence is no longer someone else's problem and it is possible to work together to protect survivors, bring offenders to justice, and change the very attitudes that allow such violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICIA M. MAHAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

And October 29, 2010 as

"A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE"

for those that have lost their lives or that mourn the loss and urge all Santa Clarans to be aware, learn about prevention of domestic violence and to show support of the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 12th day of October, 2010.



Pat Mahan
PATRICIA M. MAHAN
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara