



PROCLAMATION

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 who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; 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 numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Ben L. Nelson, Jr., on behalf of the City Council of Bonita Springs, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all citizens of Bonita Springs to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor

8-17-10

Date

