

## PROCLAMATION

## 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; 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, a coordinated community effort will help 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**, I, Scott McCoy, Mayor of the Town of Melbourne Village, do recognize the month of October, 2010, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Signed and Proclaimed this 28th day of September, 2010 at the Town of Melbourne Village, Brevard County, Florida.

L. Scott McCoy

Mayor

ATTEST:

Gail E. Griswold, Town Clerk/Treasurer