

City of Indianapolis



Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious problem that has severe consequences for the victims, abusers, children, and the community; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, according to the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 53 people died in Indiana as a result of domestic abuse, more than 3300 crisis calls were received, and over 45,000 days of shelter were provided from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Network is a charitable organization working to end domestic violence by engaging the community through advocacy, education, and collaboration with programs like the Peace in Our Homes initiative, the Power of Images campaign, and the Marion County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Network and its Advocates Group are hosting the *20th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemoration* to celebrate survivors and to honor and remember those who have lost their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY A. BALLARD, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2010 TO BE:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TEN.




BY GREGORY A. BALLARD
MAYOR
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS