

**PROCLAMATION FOR  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of 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 the rate higher than the national average; and*


*WHEREAS, domestic violence cost the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court cost, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; 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 the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Franklin D. Justice, II, DVM, Mayor, City of Pikeville, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the month of October as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
This 13 day of September, in the year of our Lord  
2010.*

  
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Franklin D. Justice, II, DVM, Mayor  
City of Pikeville, Kentucky