

The City of Leominster



Proclamation

From the Mayor of the City of Leominster

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2010

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 a incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a higher rate 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, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime;

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, Mayor Dean J. Mazzarella of the City of Leominster do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in the city of Leominster and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence.

DEAN J. MAZZARELLA
Mayor, City of Leominster