

***PROCLAMATION
Declaring October as***

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

City of Phoenix, Oregon

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

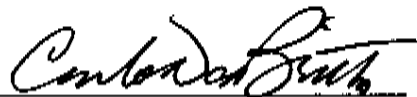
WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity ; and

WHEREAS, 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, I, Carlos DeBritto, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, do hereby proclaim the month of October, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Phoenix and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of
Phoenix to be affixed this
16th day of August, 2010***



**Carlos DeBritto
Mayor of Phoenix**