

City of Grand Prairie

Proclamation

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 who 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, Charles England, Mayor of the City of Grand Prairie, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and urge our citizens to actively participate in programs sponsored by Brighter Tomorrows and the Grand Prairie Police Department to work toward the elimination of violence.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, on this the 30th day of August 2010.


Charles England
Mayor