

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

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**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is widespread and affecting over 4 million Americans each year and is a great evil and an offense against human dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, One in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence, and anyone can be a victim of domestic violence regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or religion; and

**WHEREAS**, Women, children, and men suffer multiple types of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2005 the Department of Justice reported that 50 women are victimized by an intimate partner every hour; in fact, 85% of victims of intimate partner violence are women and 15% are men; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence costs and related injuries exceed 8.3 billion dollars annually and have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, major depression, homelessness, and suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, One third of all officers that are assaulted on duty are assaulted during a domestic violence call; and

**WHEREAS**, It is important to recognize the Resource and Crisis Center for the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to survivors and work to increase the public understanding of this significant problem; and

**WHEREAS**, Community leaders, law enforcement agencies, judges, healthcare workers, and advocates continue to work together to develop solutions to this serious problem and implement services that will improve our responses when it happens; and

**WHEREAS**, We must continue to hold domestic abusers accountable and we must recommit ourselves to eliminating domestic violence by reaching out to victims and letting them know help is available;

**NOW, THEREFORE I, RALPH STENZEL, MAYOR** of the City of Santa Fe, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010, as

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in Santa Fe expressing our commitment to eliminating domestic violence from society by acknowledging the work of organizations and individuals across the State of Texas.

**SIGNED AND SEALED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

  
Ralph Stenzel, Mayor

