



## 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 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

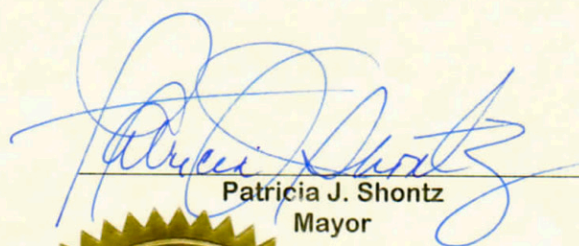
**Whereas**, domestic violence cost the nation billions of dollars annual in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**Whereas**, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

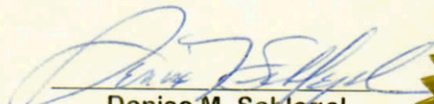
**Whereas**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Patricia J. Shontz, Mayor of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida and on behalf of the entire Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2010** as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge all citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have here-unto set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed, this 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.

  
Patricia J. Shontz  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Denise M. Schlegel  
City Clerk

