



# CITY OF FORT WAYNE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## 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,** 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, 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, THOMAS C. HENRY,** Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Fort Wayne, and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Office of Mayor, City of Fort Wayne, Indiana to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2010.

  
Thomas C. Henry  
Mayor

