



Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

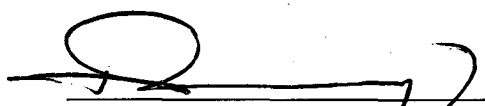
- WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender and income levels; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and
- WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and
- 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, a coordinated community effort will help put a stop to this heinous crime; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy P. Dougherty, Mayor of the Town of Morristown, on behalf of all the citizens do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the Town of Morristown. 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.





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August 6, 2010

Dear Mayor,

Thank you for issuing a proclamation this year to help end violence against women. More than 400 municipalities and 32 US Governors joined you by issuing proclamations for Dating Violence Awareness Month and/or Sexual Assault Awareness Month.



October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides a chance to build on this momentum of awareness and solidarity about this serious issue that affects 4.8 women, and creates opportunities for local events and activities across the nation. Many states and local municipalities already issue proclamations for this observance each year, but for the first time this coordinated national campaign will clearly demonstrate our shared resolve to end violence against women.

After our daughter Emily's murder last year, The EMILY Fund was incorporated as a nonprofit organization dedicated to continuing her legacy of service to community, and to raise awareness about the serious issue of dating violence. This year we have distributed nearly 400,000 free wallet-sized Dating Pledge Cards requested by over 600 domestic violence agencies in all 50 states for their work educating young people about dating violence.

Please help lead the way to ending violence against women by issuing a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and send a copy via fax, email or mail, so that we can post it on StopDatingViolence.org to inspire other municipalities to stand with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bob Silverstein
Executive Director

Sample Proclamation for DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

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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, _____, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.