

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, every 5 minutes a law enforcement officer in Arizona responds to a domestic violence call, and every 39 minutes one or more children witness a domestic violence incident; and

WHEREAS, children forced to suffer or witness this cycle of abuse in their homes often create a legacy of violence as the cycle repeats across generations. Domestic violence can spill over into schools and places of work; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides the City of Glendale with an opportunity to reach out to our community to provide education, to emphasize that domestic violence is a crime, to warn abusers that they will be prosecuted, and to offer victims aid and support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale's community leaders, health care professionals, teachers, employers, friends, neighbors, and criminal justice professionals have an important role in stopping the cycle of abuse and working together to eliminate domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October, 2010, as

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and call upon the citizens of Glendale to increase their understanding of domestic violence and be supportive of their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who may be a victim of an abusive relationship.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of September, 2010.