

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the goals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month are to celebrate the strength of battered partners and children and to connect advocates across the nation working to end family violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a vicious cycle that includes the use of physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological abuse which affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups as well as society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, more than 4.4 million physical assaults are committed against women by an acquaintance annually in the United States, while in Arizona 125 domestic violence related deaths occurred in the year 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale Domestic Violence Task Force was created as a multi-agency response to identify solutions for reducing domestic violence and improving access to victim resources in Glendale through frequent collaboration with community agencies, local stakeholders and Glendale City Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale Domestic Violence Task Force has successfully procured \$800,000 in federal funding to offer enhanced domestic violence programming and services, including funding for a Victim Advocate, Victim Notification Clerk, Domestic Violence Treatment Court Compliance Specialist, ProTem Judge for protective order hearings and overtime police pay for service of more than 625 domestic violence arrest warrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2008, 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 14th day of October 2008.