



Proclamation

City of Atascadero Proclaiming October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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 who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and,

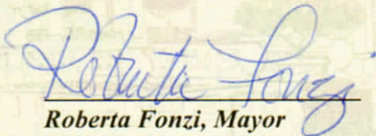
WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and,

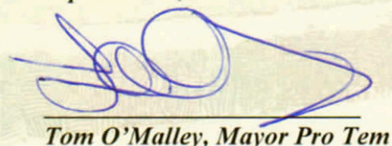
WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and,

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;

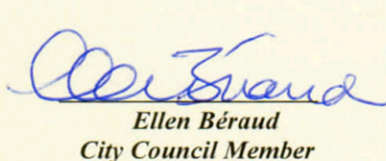
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Atascadero City Council does hereby declare October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

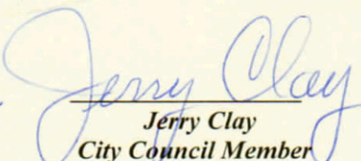
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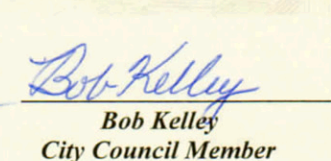

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September 1, 2010


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