

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 four million Americans each year; 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, and absenteeism; and,

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

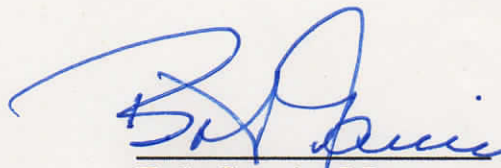
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Garcia, as Mayor of the City of DeBary, Florida, on behalf of the DeBary City Council, do proclaim the month of October as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 6th day of October 2010 in the City of DeBary, Florida.



Bob Garcia, Mayor