

**CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**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, 1 in 3 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, 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, David Levy, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, do hereby urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community and hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010, as:*


**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, to be affixed on this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of October in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.*

Attest:

  
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Mayor David Levy

  
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Patricia Snider, City Clerk, CMC