

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, one in three 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

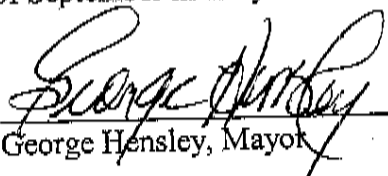
Whereas, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, George Hensley, Mayor of the City of Sebring, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

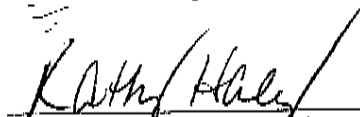
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and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Sebring, Florida this 21st day of September in the year of Our Lord two thousand ten.


George Hensley, Mayor

Seal of the City of Sebring


Kathy Haley, City Clerk