

PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2010

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting people of all races, ages, income levels and sexes; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, in our country, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day; and

WHEREAS, numerous domestic violence cases are seen in the 19th Circuit Courts each month; and

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

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to these heinous crimes; and

WHEREAS, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and throughout the year, we are grateful for the advocates, counselors, and others who provide care to those affected by these acts of cruelty and for our law enforcement personnel and others who work to bring offenders to justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristina Kovarik Mayor of the Village of Gurnee, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs such as A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center which has provided services to victims of domestic violence in Lake County for 30 years, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 to be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Village of Gurnee, and I urge all citizens to participate actively in efforts to eliminate the use of personal and institutional violence against women.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2010.

Kristina M. Kovarik, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andy Harris, Village Clerk