



ROCK ISLAND  
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Justice estimates a woman is beaten every 9 seconds in America and 1 in 3 women will be a victim of an assault during their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence is a pervasive problem that does not discriminate. It affects individuals in comparable numbers regardless of race, sexual orientation, educational background or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this community problem the Violence Intervention Counseling Services of Family Resources, Inc answered 7560 crisis calls, provided 1123 hours of counseling and 13720 shelter nights to victims of Domestic Violence in the last year; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to combat this issue; our community works collaboratively; engaging survivors, law enforcement providers, mental health counselors and advocates, and medical, legal and other professionals in the effort to eliminate violence in our safe havens- our homes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim, October, 2010 as

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

and urge all citizens to raise their awareness of this problem and assist their neighbors, friends and community members who may be facing violence behind closed doors. We recognize and applaud the hard work and collaborative, compassionate efforts of citizens and professionals working to assist victims and eliminate the tragic epidemic of Domestic Violence.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010  
Date



*Dennis E. Pauley*  
Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor