

Office of the Mayor  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender and income levels; and

**WHEREAS,** one of three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence domestic violence, which is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; 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

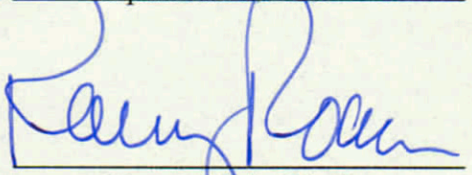
**WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims; and

**THEREFORE,** I, RANDY ROACH, Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, in the sovereign State of Louisiana, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of October 2010 as

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Lake Charles and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

*In Witness Whereof, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused to be  
affixed the official seal of the City of  
Lake Charles on this  
Date September 7, 2010*

  
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Mayor of Lake Charles

