



PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
October, 2010

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

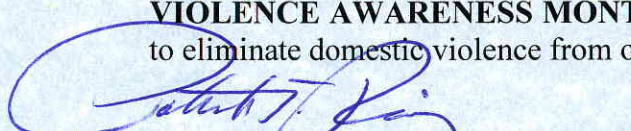
WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year, and one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

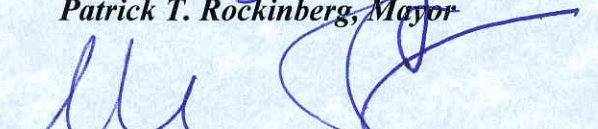
WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime and 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

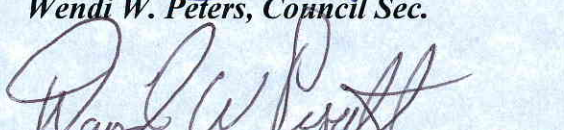
NOW, THEREFORE, We the Mayor and Town Council of Mount Airy, Maryland, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.



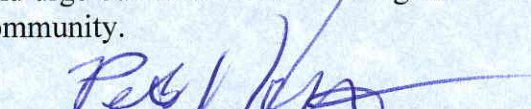
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