

## **Proclamation for 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

**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, WE, THE GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in **GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

**This proclamation of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Gaines is hereby declared adopted on this 13th day of September 2010 with a motion offered by Lemke and supported by Haagsma**

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: None

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township Gaines, Kent County, Michigan (the Township) do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting on the 13th day of September, 2010. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 as amended, including in the case of a rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen hours prior to the time set for the meeting. *proclamation*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my official signature on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.



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Crystal Osterink, Clerk  
Charter Township of Gaines