TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #R2010-164

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER TO BE ANDOVER TOWNSHIP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

- domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, WHEREAS, 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 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, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Andover, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim the month of October to be Andover Township Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. all citizens should be urged to participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.
- that certified copies of this resolution be BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. forwarded to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, the County Prosecutor's Office, and the Andover Township Police Department.

CERTIFICATION

I. Vita Thompson, Clerk/Administrator of the Township of Andover, in the County of Sussex in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Original Resolution duly passed and adopted by a majority of the full membership of the Andover Township Committee at the meeting/of September 27, 2010.

Vita Thompson, R.M.C.

Clerk/Administrator