

P Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and domestic violence is widespread and affects over four 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 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 about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, service and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth H. Paris do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

**Signed by my Hand this First
Day of October
Two Thousand and Ten**



**Kenneth H. Paris, Mayor
Delran Township**