

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
ESSEX COUNTY • NEW JERSEY

PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love and tranquility;
and

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, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence
programs, I, John Arvanites, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the Borough of Roseland and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence
from our community.

Date: October 19, 2010


MAYOR JOHN ARVANITES

