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

WHEREAS: one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS: children that grow up in violent homes are believe 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, I, Clara Nuss, Mayor of Wantage Township, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be:

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

in Wantage Township, and I urge the citizens of this community to join me in supporting efforts to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Clara M. Nuss

Clara Nuss, Mayor of Wantage Township

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Proclamation duly adopted by the Mayor of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on October 7, 2010.

James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk