

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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, I, Tony Krasienko, Mayor of the City of Lorain, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and I urge all citizens to respond to and work toward educating and supporting their communities' efforts to take actions against rape and sexual assault during this month and throughout the year to ensure that sexual violence stops.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the City of Lorain to be affixed this 10th day of August, Two Thousand Ten.



A. M. Krasienko

Tony Krasienko, Mayor
City of Lorain, State of Ohio