



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that effects 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 cost, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and nonproductively; 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lary Coppola, the Mayor of Port Orchard, do hereby proclaim and recognize October as

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Port Orchard, and I call upon all employees and citizens of the City of Port Orchard to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Signed this 28th day of September 2010,

Lary Coppola, Mayor