Proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Fox Valley Take Back the Night Rally and March on Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Whereas, the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault affect the lives of thousands of our citizens each year and,

Whereas, domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse, and

Whereas, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal levels, and

Whereas, the majority of domestic violence victims are women and domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women.

Whereas, every person has the right to live their life free from the threat of sexual abuse or sexual violence.

Whereas, all citizens are encouraged to actively participate in activities and support programs that work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual assault accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

Now, therefore be it resolved, in recognition of the impact that domestic and sexual violence has on the health and well-being of our community and the important work done by those agencies and individuals who are working to end this violence, I do hereby proclaim the month of October to be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city/town/village of

Furthermore, I urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic and sexual violence and by participating in activities that educate themselves about the resources available to them.

Furthermore, I recognize the Fox Valley Take Back the Night Rally and March, scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2010 in Oshkosh as a community-based event organized to raise awareness regarding the tragedy of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities.

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