

WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects the lives of over 4 million Americans each year regardless of age, race, gender or income level; and,

WHEREAS, Domestic violence results in serious emotional and societal costs in addition to the billions of dollars annually spent on medical expenses, police and court costs, operating expenses for shelters and foster care services associated with acts of domestic abuse; and,

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is preventable through a coordinated community effort emphasizing education and prevention that we can put an end to the cycle of violence and eradicate it from our communities; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Milwaukee commends the EMILY Fund and the countless other advocacy organizations and individuals for their efforts to raise awareness, provide services and counsel victims of domestic abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BARRETT, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010, to be

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the City of Milwaukee.

TOM BARRETT

Mayor