

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the goals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month are to celebrate the strength of battered partners and children and to connect advocates across the nation working to end family violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a vicious cycle that includes the use of physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological abuse which affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups as well as society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, our first responders, victim assistance staff, and volunteers renew their commitment to provide services for domestic violence victims and their families while ensuring that they are treated with respect and compassion; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that child abuse occurs in a large majority of families that experience domestic violence. In addition, thousands of children witness domestic violence and witnessing violence is a risk factor for physical and mental health problems as well as becoming a victim or a perpetrator of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009 as

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and call upon the citizens of Glendale to increase their understanding of domestic violence and be supportive of their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who may be a victim of an abusive relationship.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of October 2009.