



City of Alhambra

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious widespread crime that affects over 4 million Americans each year of all races, ages, gender and income levels; 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

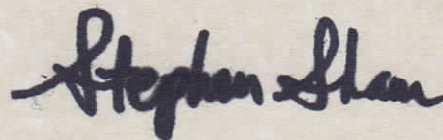
WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Month provides an 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

WHEREAS, The Emily Silverstein Fund (www.emilyfund.org), created after Emily was brutally murdered by a former boyfriend, seeks to continue Emily's legacy of hope and action for a better world and to raise awareness about dating violence; currently, it is working to distribute free wallet-sized Dating Pledge Cards to educate young people about dating violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN SHAM, Mayor of the City of Alhambra, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Alhambra and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community."

Issued this 11th day of October 2010



STEPHEN SHAM, *Mayor*

