

PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels;

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence;

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average;

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;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year and only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ART MADRID, twenty-second Mayor of the City of La Mesa do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

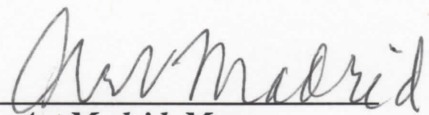
in the City of La Mesa and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of La Mesa to be affixed this 18th day of August 2010.



Jewel of the Hills




Art Madrid, Mayor

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