

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in recognition of

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; 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, annually, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars in medical expenses, police and courts costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put an end to this heinous crime and Domestic Violence 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, Dave Eggers, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Dunedin, Florida and on behalf of the entire City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as

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in Dunedin and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Attest

City Clerk

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dunedin to be affixed at Dunedin this date

September 23, 2010

Mayor