

Office of the Mayor
St. Cloud, Florida



PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, domestic violence affects all citizens of Florida, crossing all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographic, and economic groups; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence perpetrators harm their victims, endanger children, traumatize families and threaten our communities; and

WHEREAS, acts of domestic violence occur every fifteen seconds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Florida reported 116,547 incidents of domestic violence in 2009, including 208 murders; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security; and battered adults and their children often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, affecting society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Help Now of Osceola, Inc., the Osceola Domestic Violence Task Force, and its supporting community member organizations in combating domestic violence is duly recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donna Hart, Mayor of the City of St. Cloud, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and call upon the citizens of our community to join me in working toward the elimination of personal and institutional violence against all persons.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and cause this seal to be affixed

Donna Hart

Attest: Priscilla P. Jaworski

Date: October 14, 2010