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**PROCLAMATION FROM THE ORANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

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 has 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

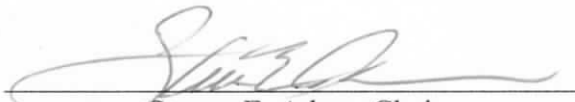
WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

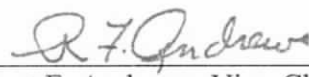
WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

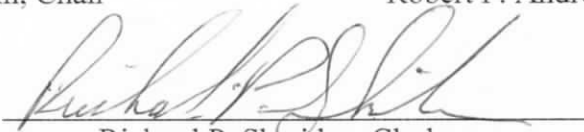
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Orange Board of Selectmen, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Signed by the Orange Board of Selectmen, this 8th day of September 2010.


Steven E. Adam, Chair


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