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PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH October, 2010

WHEREAS, public opinion polls clearly indicate that crime and violence is the number one concern among citizens of this community as well as Mississippians; and

WHEREAS, victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice and thus preventing further violence; and

WHEREAS, law abiding citizens are no less deserving of rights, resources, restoration, and rehabilitation than the violent offenders who victimize them; and

WHEREAS, victim service providers, counselors and advocates should enjoy full support from all public and private institutions, entities, and individuals in their efforts to render critical assistance to those whom our nation failed to protect; and

WHEREAS, CARE LODGE is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens, throughout the city of Meridian, the state of Mississippi, and America to observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Cheri M. Barry, Mayor of Meridian, Mississippi, and the Meridian City Council, do hereby proclaim October, 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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

Mayor Cheri M. Barry

Date: October 5, 2010