

Proclamation

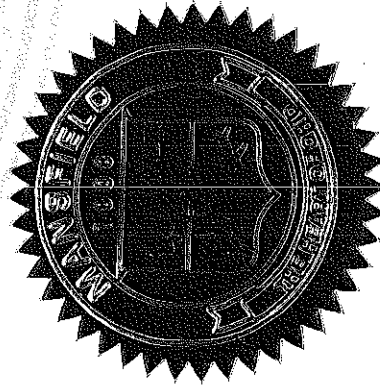
City of Mansfield

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER - 2010

- WHEREAS, domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury to American women, yet, the Federal Bureau of Investigation lists it as one of the most underreported crimes; and
- WHEREAS, these crimes are happening in the home, a place that is meant to be loving, nurturing and safe; and
- WHEREAS, domestic violence is a vicious cycle that includes systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole; and
- WHEREAS, children who witness domestic violence grow up believing that physical and emotional abuse in relationships is acceptable behavior, thus perpetuating a cycle of violence in society; and
- WHEREAS, as a society, we must commit to eliminate domestic violence, to raise awareness of domestic violence in our community and to help victims break free from the cycle of violence;
- 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, DONALD R. CULLIVER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, OHIO, do hereby proclaim the month of October as: *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH* in Mansfield, and encourage all citizens to learn more about the extent of domestic violence, and work together with local domestic violence programs and assume responsibility to make the message clear, by both word and deed: There is no excuse for domestic violence.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Mansfield, Ohio to be affixed this 19th day of August, 2010.


Donald R. Culliver, Mayor