

City of Abbeville  
South Carolina



# Proclamation



PROCLAMATION NO. 3-2010

**A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER  
2010 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN  
ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and effects 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**, 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**, the Abbeville City Council does 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.

September 14, 2010  
Date

Harold E. McNeill  
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Mayor