

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City of Lawrenceville



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the crime of intimate partner violence violates an individual's dignity, humanity, safety and privacy due to the systematic use of physical, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

*WHEREAS*, the problems of intimate partner violence transcends all economic, racial, religious and societal barriers, and are sustained by societal indifferences; and

*WHEREAS*, the impact of intimate partner violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in the City of Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, the State of Georgia and throughout the United States and the world; and

*WHEREAS*, the prevalence of intimate partner violence in our community is too big to ignore with 125 domestic violence related fatalities reported in Georgia in 2009, of which nine of those occurred in Gwinnett County;

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Rex A. Millsaps, Mayor of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 to be

### *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

in the City of Lawrenceville and urge all citizens to help end the crime of intimate partner violence by creating a community dialogue about violence against women, teens and girls, advocating for legislation and law enforcement to protect survivors, and encouraging public awareness and action against it.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lawrenceville to be affixed. This 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.*

*Rex A. Millsaps*  
Mayor

*Debra L. Sams*  
City Clerk