

PROCLAMATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2011

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become a more prevalent problem in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence affects all citizens of Illinois and are not confined to any group of people, but cross all economic, gender, racial and societal barriers and are supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting families, children and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, at least 109,000 domestic violence offences were reported to Illinois State Police last year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects one out of four families. The cost to society and businesses is consequential, resulting in healthcare related costs of \$4 billion dollars annually. U.S. companies forfeit close to \$700 million in lost wages, sick time and lower productivity; and

WHEREAS, local educational information and resources are available by visiting the www.endallabuse.org website; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all residents of the Village of Barrington so they can become better informed and involved in local programs to end the cycle of violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, do hereby proclaim **October as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.**

Dated this 26th Day of September, 2011

Karen Darch
Village President