

PROCLAMATION

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October, 2016

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become a more prevalent problem in the Northwest Suburbs; 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, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.

WHEREAS, over 30,000 orders of protections are written in Cook County, Illinois each year and;

WHEREAS, we ask residents to learn more about the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Domestic Violence Campaign to "Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence" or the Chicago Says No More Campaign; 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 for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do hereby proclaim **October 2016** as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in the Village of Barrington and encourage residents to join forces with the Northwest Suburban Alliance on Domestic Violence, law enforcement, social service organizations and concerned citizens across the country to raise the public awareness of domestic violence issues.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2016

*Karen Darch
Village President*