

PROCLAMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love and tranquility; and

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

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 10 million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three American women and one in four American men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; 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 are more likely to become victims or offenders as adults; 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, a coordinated community effort is an effective tool with which to stop this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and shows support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done the domestic violence response teams, I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the Borough of Glen Ridge and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Date: September 29, 2020

MAYOR STUART K. PATRICK