

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 100563)

## RESOLUTION

Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**WHEREAS**, “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” is being sponsored locally by Women Against Abuse and, through their sponsorship, they are encouraging everyone to help to increase the awareness of domestic violence in our homes and communities and decrease its negative impact on Philadelphia; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2008, the Philadelphia Police Department responded to more than 137,000 domestic abuse calls and over 11,000 individuals filed for protection from abuse orders in Family Court and the number of domestic violence murders nearly doubled from 2008 to 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic violence is not just a local problem but a national issue where more than three women a day are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the United States and, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that women experience two million injuries from intimate partner violence each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1976, the mission of Women Against Abuse is to provide quality and compassionate services, in a manner that fosters self respect and independence in persons who have been victimized by domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Women Against Abuse has grown to become one of the largest domestic violence programs in the United States, created the nation’s first legal center devoted to victims of domestic violence, founded the only emergency shelter in the City exclusively for abused women and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Women Against Abuse provides education and training to the community about domestic violence issues and resources and has partnered with the City of Philadelphia, Lutheran Settlement House, Women in Transition, and Congreso de Latino Unidos to operate the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline; and

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**WHEREAS**, To support victims of domestic violence, Women Against Abuse also operates a 12-unit transitional housing program called Sojourner House, which enables victims to take the crucial first steps to reclaim their lives and move forward toward a brighter future; and

**WHEREAS**, To support its mission and work, Women Against Abuse launched the iPledge Campaign ([www.iPledgeWAA.org](http://www.iPledgeWAA.org)) as a social awareness initiative to promote knowledge about domestic violence and to build community support so that all Philadelphians will take a stand against violence; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**, declares and recognizes October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.”

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of Women Against Abuse as a sincere expression of City Council’s gratitude, appreciation, and commendation for raising the public’s awareness regarding domestic violence.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixteenth of September, 2010.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Tasco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Tasco, Greenlee, Reynolds Brown, Green, Miller, Kenney, Rizzo, Goode, Jones, Kelly, Clarke, Sanchez, DiCicco, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Krajewski and Blackwell