

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 070839)

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming October 2007 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.”

The City Council of Philadelphia designates the month of October 2007, as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Philadelphia and encourages the analysis and examination of violence against men and women and to address the harm caused by domestic and sexual violence.

WHEREAS, The impact of domestic violence continues to be wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, here in and around this community, throughout the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, City Council has been and continues to be in the forefront of recognizing how domestic violence traumatizes victims, endangers children, harms families, and threatens the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, The problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Justice and the Center for Disease Control estimates that 1.5 million women and 835,000 men are the victims of domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) expired in September 2005, jeopardizing the remarkable gains it has generated in reducing the occurrences of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, meaning progress could come to a halt if Congress does not reauthorize VAWA; and

WHEREAS, A vast majority of Americans realize Congress should act to reauthorize and enhance existing VAWA programs and include new programs that better respond to community needs; and

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WHEREAS, It is necessary for this Council and the citizens of Philadelphia to remain thoroughly informed on all issues related to the impact of domestic violence and how it directly affects our community, and to have a reliable response and resource system; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, That the Month of October 2007, be declared “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Philadelphia and encourages the analysis and examination of violence against men and women and to address the harm caused by domestic and sexual 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 fourth of October, 2007.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Miller and Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Reynolds Brown, Greenlee, Savage, Goode, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Blackwell, Krajewski, Kenney, Ramos, Campbell, O'Neill, Kelly, Rizzo, DiCicco, Clarke and Tasco