

**Proclamation
by the
Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council
To whom all these letters shall come, Greetings:
Know Ye, that the Louisville Metro Council
Hereby proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month:**

Whereas, domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background, and belief. Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Victims are deprived of their autonomy, liberty, and security, and face tremendous threats to their health and safety, and;

Whereas, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we reaffirm our dedication to forging a community where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes -- and we recommit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse.

Whereas, while physical marks may often be the most obvious signs of the harm caused by domestic violence, the true extent of the pain goes much deeper. Victims not only face abuse, but often find themselves left with significant financial insecurity, and;

Whereas, children who witness domestic violence often experience lifelong trauma. These heinous acts go against all we know to be humane and decent, and they insult our most fundamental ideals. We all have a responsibility to try to end this grave problem.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Louisville Metro Council proclaims that during Domestic Violence Month, October 2015, we commit to being a part of the solution and rededicate ourselves to creating a society where violence is not tolerated, survivors are supported, and all people are able to pursue their fullest measure of happiness without fear of abuse or assault.

**Done in Metro Louisville
This 8th Day of October 2015**

**Councilwoman Mary Woolridge
Louisville Metro Council, District 3**