

City of Tyler
by the honorable
Barbara Bass, Mayor

A Proclamation
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH
OCTOBER 2008

Whereas, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings; tragically for many Americans, these are blessings tarnished by violence and fear; and

Whereas, domestic violence is more than the occasional family dispute; according to a 2001 National Institute of Justice and U.S. Department of Justice Statistics, between two and four million women are victimized by domestic violence per year; and

Whereas, in the State of Texas, 143 women were killed by their husbands or intimate partners and there were 187,811 incidents of family violence in the year 2005; and

Whereas, women are not the only targets; young children and the elderly also are counted among the victims, and, sadly, emotional scars are often permanent; and

Whereas, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis, law enforcement officials, those involved with shelters and hotline services, health care providers, the clergy and other concerned citizens are helping in the effort to end domestic violence; we must recognize the compassion and dedication of these volunteers and professionals, applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this important problem,

Now Therefore, I, Barbara Bass, Mayor of the City of Tyler, Texas, do hereby proclaim
OCTOBER 2008, as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, in the City of Tyler, Texas,
and urge all citizens to join in recognizing this outstanding organization.

*In official recognition whereof I hereby
affix my signature this 9th day of October 2008.*

Barbara R. Bass
Mayor of Tyler, Texas