

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October 2012

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to be a prevalent problem in the Northwest Suburbs; and

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence affects all Illinois citizens, being not confined to any group of people but crossing all economic, gender, racial, and societal barriers, exacerbated by societal indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates the privacy, dignity, security and humanity of individuals through systematic physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting families, children, and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects one in four families, and imposes a consequential cost on society and businesses, resulting in healthcare-related expenses of four billion dollars and nearly \$700 million in annual lost wages, sick time, and reduced productivity.

WHEREAS, 45,784 orders of protection were written in Cook County, Illinois in 2011; and

WHEREAS, local educational information and resources are available at www.endallabuse.org; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of the residents of the Village of Wheeling, so we can all become better informed and involved in local programs to end the cycle of violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2012 as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in the Village of Wheeling, and encourage our residents to join with the Northwest Suburban Alliance on Domestic Violence, law enforcement, social service organizations, and concerned citizens across the country to help raise the public awareness of domestic violence issues.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 24th day of September, 2012.

Judy Abruscato, Village President

ATTEST:

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk