PROCLAMATION FOR

DOMESTIC VIOLANCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October, 2015 has been designated as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in an effort to prevent and punish the perpetrators of this crime and to bring hope and healing to those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the largest single cause of injury among women seen at hospital emergency rooms, more common than auto accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. It traumatizes victims, harms families, threatens communities, and children subjected to it often grow up to inflict violence on others, creating a cycle of violence that must be stopped; and

WHEREAS, millions of dollars have been spent nationwide in prevention and assistance efforts, federal prosecutions in cases involving violence against women have increased tremendously, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline have answered millions of calls for help-all indications that strengthening services for victims is needed; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit and faith based programs and their volunteers work closely with law enforcement, medical and legal services in an effort to offer critical assistance and support to those in need and the recent increased commitment by the federal government has made it possible for local communities to strengthen their response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and

WHEREAS, Greene County wishes to join with other communities across the country in this month long effort to raise public awareness about how to prevent, recognize and stop domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Crum, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Greene County, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2015 as

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

in Greene County, Tennessee, and urge all citizens to recognize those who dedicate their lives to battling this crime and to work together to find solutions to this problem in our community.

Dated in Greene County, Tennessee, this 19th of September, 2015.

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