

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a crime — not private family business or a socially acceptable behavior; and

WHEREAS, one woman is battered by her partner every 15 seconds and an average of at least four women are murdered by domestic violence each and every day in the United States. The chance that an abuser will try to kill his/her partner increases drastically when the victim tries to leave; and

WHEREAS, the Darien Police Department reported that last year they received domestic violence calls involving 83 adults, with approximately 102 children witnessing the abuse; and

WHEREAS, making the commitment to have a “Zero Tolerance” for domestic violence sends the message that all citizens have the basic human right to live free of violence — this message and commitment should become top priority and concern of everyone in all walks of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Evonne M. Klein, First Selectwoman of the Town of Darien, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Darien and to inform the citizens of this community that should they become victims there is help available, just call 911 or go to the Police Department’s website: darienpolice.org. for additional information.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2006 at Darien, Connecticut

Evonne M. Klein, First Selectwoman