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Proclamation No. 2012-04 "ZERO TOLERANCE" TOWARDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, domestic violence should NEVER be considered nor treated as a socially acceptable behavior. Domestic violence is not family business, it is a crime. There is NO excuse for abuse; and

WHEREAS, the FBI estimates that one woman is batter by her intimate partner every 15 seconds, this accounts for more injuries to women than auto accidents, muggings and rapes combined. An average of at least four women are murdered by domestic violence each and every day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the chance that an abuser will try to kill his/her partner increases drastically when the victim tries to leave; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that 3 out of 5 children live in abusive households and see or hear abuse; and

WHEREAS, the children living in physically abusive households statistics show that 3 out of 5 saw or heard the abuse. Children in homes where domestic violence is occurring are 100% more likely to be physically abused or seriously neglected; and

WHEREAS, the children who witness abuse of their female caretaker are: 24 times more likely to commit sexual assault crimes, 74% more likely to commit crimes against another person, 6 times more likely to commit suicide; and

WHEREAS, as the Mayor and City Council, I personally make the commitment to have a "Zero Tolerance Attitude for Domestic Violence" thus sending the message that all citizens have the basic human right to live violence free; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the personal safety of all people should become a top priority and concern for the city and state leadership, the general public, pastors, policy makers and the public servants; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council choose to be in full support in making this a "Zero Tolerance" Community, and are working towards the end of domestic violence; and

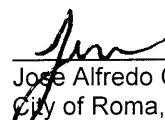
WHEREAS, by signing below, the Mayor and City Council make the official commitment to maintain a "Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence" community;"

NOW THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2012 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working towards its end, and participating in community efforts.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I the undersigned hereby affix my signature this 10th day of October 2012.

ATTEST:


Robert Escobar, Jr., City Secretary
City of Roma, Texas


Jose Alfredo Guerra, Jr., Mayor
City of Roma, Texas