



City of Columbus

Office of City Clerk
90 West Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215-9015
columbuscitycouncil.org

Legislation Text

File #: 0184X-2014, **Version:** 1

To declare the month of October, 2014 to be Domestic Violence Prevention Month in Columbus, Ohio

WHEREAS, in 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed, with the U.S. Congress following suit in 1989, designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive and coercive behaviors, including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partners; and

WHEREAS, such violence, both psychological and physical, increases the likelihood of damaging behavioral and mental conditions, such as depression and suicidal behaviors; and

WHEREAS, despite tremendous progress, an average of nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States, equating to nearly 10 million women and men per year; and

WHEREAS, annually, Columbus police respond to approximately 6,000-7,000 domestic violence calls and approximately 4,000 domestic violence charges are filed at the Franklin County Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence represents a set of crimes that transcend gender, race, age, religion, and socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves to raise awareness about the need to eliminate violence and all other forms of oppression against all communities and families in the City of Columbus and nationwide, year-round; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby declare October, 2014 to be Domestic Violence Prevention Month and recognizes the victims of domestic violence as well as those who work to end abuse.