



# ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined; and

**WHEREAS,** Approximately 42.4 million women in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** Everyday in the US, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends; and

**WHEREAS,** Studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic abuse occurs within all age groups, ethnic backgrounds and income levels; and

**WHEREAS,** Domestic violence consists of intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, rape, violence or other abusive behavior carried out by one intimate partner against another; and

**WHEREAS,** There are resources available in Ulster County for victims of domestic violence and the members of their family; and

**WHEREAS,** Awareness is the first step toward ending this cycle of violence in any household.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Michael P. Hein, Executive of the County of Ulster, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2014, as

## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

The County of Ulster

Michael P. Hein, County Executive

Date: October 01, 2014

