OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and abuse; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences; and

WHEREAS, by observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we seek to increase awareness of the incidence of violence in the home, focusing on the victims of domestic violence and their children who have suffered emotional and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, through the inspiration, courage, and persistence of victims of domestic violence, their children and advocates, legislation has been enacted to provide protection and services for those victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of those working to end domestic violence throughout our community, together with the continuing efforts of the state and nation to assist victims of domestic violence and to prevent future violence in our communities, are to be commended;

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Mayor of Green Bay and the Executive of Brown County do hereby proclaim October, 2012 as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we subscribe our names this 1st day of October, 2012

James J. Schmitt
Mayor, City of Green Bay

Troy J. Streckenbach
Executive, Brown County