

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, violence against women, children, and men continues to become more prevalent as a social problem in our society; and

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

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse, with the impact of this crime being wide-ranging; and

WHEREAS, everyone deserves to live a life free from the fear of being hurt or killed by people who are supposed to love them; and

WHEREAS, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of victims of domestic violence who often suffer grave physical, psychological and financial losses; and

WHEREAS, it is victims of domestic violence themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home; and

WHEREAS, the **Resource Center of Somerset** has been serving people affected by domestic violence for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, the **Resource Center of Somerset** agency services include emergency shelter, legal advocacy, outreach counseling, community education, volunteer Domestic Violence Response Teams working with local police departments, and more; and

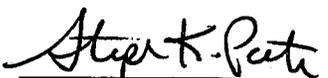
WHEREAS, the **Resource Center of Somerset** provides services to survivors of domestic abuse – women, men and children – free-of-charge, and in English and Spanish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Stephen K. Pote, hereby proclaim the month of October to be:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the Borough of Watchung, and do hereby commend the efforts of the Resource Center of Somerset in aiding victims of domestic violence.

Date: September 26, 2013


Stephen K. Pote, Mayor