

*Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Proclamation*

WHEREAS, domestic violence hurts Alabama families, our children and our communities; and

WHEREAS in 2013, 20,489 domestic violence assaults were reported in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, one in three women are victims of domestic violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it takes an average of 7.5 times for a woman to leave her batterer permanently; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence serves as the statewide professional association representing Alabama's 18 certified domestic violence shelters. These facilities provide emergency shelter, crisis counseling, clothes, food, court assistance, job training and a host of critical other services for domestic violence victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, by calling ACADV's hotline, 1-800-650-6522, the caller will automatically be directed to the closest domestic violence shelter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Foley in correlation with First Lady Dianne Bentley and the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, recognizes the severity of domestic violence and encourages citizens and communities to work together to prevent abuse, help victims become survivors, and promote healthy relationships and families:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Koniar, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Foley, Alabama do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2014 as:

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

I encourage citizens to display purple bows on the doors of safe homes and businesses.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 6th Day of October, 2014

Attest:

Victoria Southern