

**COMMANDING OFFICER,
NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY NAPLES, ITALY
PROCLAMATION by THE COMMANDER**

Whereas preventing domestic violence is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

Whereas domestic violence occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope;

Whereas the majority of domestic violence cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community;

Whereas domestic violence can be reduced by making sure each service member and family has the support they need;

Whereas domestic violence not only directly harms the primary victim, but also negatively impacts children who witness or hear the abusive behavior;

Whereas all citizens should become involved in supporting their colleagues, neighbors and friends in utilizing resources to prevent domestic violence and seeking help if they are in an abusive relationship, whether they are the aggressor or the victim;

Whereas effective domestic violence programs succeed because of partnerships created among leadership, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, and law enforcement agencies;

Whereas the Navy is a unique part of the partnership; and

Whereas we in the Navy community have an obligation to become actively involved in prevention by supporting our Sailors and their families to live and raise children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

Whereas dedicated Fleet and Family Support Center staff have become actively involved in encouraging all to nurture their relationships with the goal to provide programs and services for our Sailors and their families in an effort to prevent domestic violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert B. Rabuse, Captain, U. S. Navy, Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, do hereby proclaim
OCTOBER 2009

as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

at Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy, and call upon all Navy personnel and their families to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent domestic violence, thereby strengthening the Navy community.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, R. B. Rabuse at Naval Support Activity,
Naples, Italy, on this, the 1st day of October 2009.

R. B. RABUSE
Captain, United State Navy