## **RESOLUTION NO. 110-15**

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

- **WHEREAS:** The yearly observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month focuses on increasing the public's awareness of the issue of domestic violence, recognizes the trauma experienced by victims of domestic violence and the services available to support them, and acknowledges the combined efforts of citizens, service providers, governmental agencies and the criminal justice system to improve domestic violence prevention efforts and hold the perpetrators of such abuse fully accountable; and
- **WHEREAS:** The crime of domestic violence is deeply personal, violates an individual's health and dignity, and profoundly disturbs his or her sense of security; and
- **WHEREAS:** The problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group of people, but cut across all racial, cultural, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic lines; and
- **WHEREAS:** In 2014, there were 152 total domestic violence charges brought forth in the Medina Municipal Court System; and
- **WHEREAS:** Members of the Medina County Battered Women's Shelter have worked tirelessly for the past 15 years to help survivors of domestic violence and their children start life anew.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:

- **SEC. 1:** That Medina City Council hereby proclaims October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Medina and calls upon our citizens to join in a coordinated community effort to put an end to domestic violence forever for the benefit of our children and the community we share.
- **SEC. 2:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:	<u>September 14, 2015</u>	SIGNED: <u>John M. Coyne, III</u>
		President of Council
ATTEST:	Kathy Patton Clerk of Council	APPROVED: <u>September 14, 2015</u>
		SIGNED: <u>Dennis Hanwell</u>
		Mayor