

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2013

WHEREAS, domestic and sexual violence transcends all ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic boundaries with the effects of the attacks weakening the very core of our communities and more women being injured by domestic violence each year than by automobile accidents and cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Avalon Center provided services to 1,341 adults and 81 children who were victims of abuse in Cumberland County during the fiscal year 2012-2013 and

WHEREAS, during the fiscal year 2012-2013, Avalon Center provided professional counseling to 65 persons and sheltering 152 for total bed nights of 3,490, as well as 341 events for training and public awareness to 18,453 people; and

WHEREAS, through a national effort, the citizens of Crossville are encouraged to join together to raise awareness throughout the month of October for those men, women and children who have fallen victim to domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. H. Graham, III, Mayor of the City of Crossville, Tennessee, do hereby designate and proclaim October 2013 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in Crossville, Tennessee and urge all citizens to join in the effort to raise awareness, provide assistance and support to the victims, and put an end to domestic violence.