A Proclamation

Whereas, domestic violence continues to lead to deaths and cause long-term physical, emotional, and mental harm to children and adults,

Whereas, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse;

Whereas, survivors should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law;

Whereas, we encourage domestic violence survivors and their families should be encouraged to seek assistance from The Second Step, Journey to Safety,REACH, and other appropriate service providers, and

Whereas, our city, our state, and our country must make ending domestic violence a priority;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and service providers, I, Mayor Setti Warren, of the City of Newton do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to work towards the elimination of domestic violence.

October 27, 2015
Date

Setti D. Warren
Mayor