



**DARE TO DO MORE**

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence is defined as a pattern of abuse that violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control including abuse to children and the elderly, and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any one group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and

**WHEREAS**, LaGuardia Community College recognizes that domestic violence may lower students' level of achievement (E.Carrell, L. Hoeksra, 2009,) and

**WHEREAS**, at least one million women and 371,000 men are victims of stalking in the United States each year with stalkers often following their victims to the workplace according to a U.S. Dept. of Justice, 2000 report, and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is known to effect not just individuals, but society as a whole, here in our community, throughout the United States and indeed, the world,

**NOW THEREFORE**, as President of LaGuardia Community College, and in recognition of the important work done by LaGuardia Community College and all advocates against domestic violence, I do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 19, 2011, *Domestic Violence Awareness Day* and urge all students, faculty and staff to actively participate in the scheduled activities in honor of victims of domestic violence, and to help raise awareness of domestic violence.

Signed: President Gail O. Mellow, Phd.

Dated: October 19, 2011