

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

October 5, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Judith Clark, Women Who Care Ministries  
 Greg Wims, Victims' Rights Foundation

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Crystal Carr

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

	Presentation
<b>x</b>	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

<b>TITLE:</b>
Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating October 2009 as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Gaithersburg

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
<p>October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. Annually, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner. Gaithersburg is committed to supporting the prevention of domestic violence and to assisting those who suffer from its devastating effects. In effort to educate, support, and encourage the victims and survivors of domestic violence the City of Gaithersburg has joined with Women Who Care Ministries and the Victims' Rights Foundation to co-sponsor "Restore the Joy," the 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Empowerment Luncheon. The event will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn.</p> <p>The event features a resource fair, key-note address, commemorative candlelight vigil, a panel discussion, inspirational poetry and entertainment. The keynote address will be delivered by celebrity speaker Jewel Diamond Taylor who has empowered thousands of abused women with the tools to break free from unhealthy relationships, heal on the inside and start anew. As she teaches how to recover from adversity, she shares practical steps to transform lives, from the inside out, to fulfill a life of purpose.</p> <p>We, now invite Ms. Judith Clark of Women Who Care Ministries and Mr. Greg Wims of Victims' Rights Foundation to come forward to receive this year's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.</p>

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
Issue Proclamation