

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the vitality of our city depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities;

WHEREAS, crime and fear of crime destroy our trust in others and in civic institutions, threatening the community's health, prosperity, and quality of life;

WHEREAS, people of all ages must be made aware of what they can do to prevent themselves and their families, neighbors, and coworkers from being harmed by crime;

WHEREAS, people of all ages must be made aware of the dangers of crime and how they can protect themselves from becoming victims;

WHEREAS, the personal injury, financial loss, and community deterioration resulting from crime are intolerable and require investment from the whole community;

WHEREAS, crime prevention initiatives must include self-protection and security, but they must go beyond these to promote collaborative efforts to make neighborhoods safer for all ages and to develop positive opportunities for young people;

WHEREAS, adults must invest time, resources, and policy support in effective prevention and intervention strategies for youth, and adults must make sure to engage teens in programs to drive crime from their communities;


WHEREAS, effective crime prevention programs succeed because of partnerships with law enforcement, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals as they help to nurture communal responsibility and instill pride;

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as Crime Prevention Month in Milton and urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to invest in the power of prevention and work together to make Milton a safer, stronger, more caring community.

Given under my hand and Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on the 21st day of September, 2009.

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Joe Lockwood, Mayor