

Proclamation

Crime Prevention Month

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

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; and

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

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; and

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; and

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; and


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; and

WHEREAS, Milton Police and Citizens Together (MPACT) is a broad-based community outreach program that can be effective in helping the Milton Police Department manage effectively and respond proactively to community growth, increasing calls for service, and crime rates;

WHEREAS, through participation in MPACT and other initiatives, residents will come to possess a true understanding of the added value of a professionally managed, community-focused police department and of their own roles in helping to maintain a high quality of life in their communities.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton, do hereby proclaim October 2011 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 3rd day of October, 2011.



Joe Lockwood, Mayor

